



Adults and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Title	Cabinet Forward Plan
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Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
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Urgent	No
Appendices	Appendix A – Cabinet Forward Plan (Key Decision Schedule)
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Summary

The report details the Cabinet Forward Plan for 2023/24. The Sub-Committee is requested to consider any items they may wish to request for pre-decision scrutiny during 2023-2024. Items that the Committee may wish to request for pre-decision scrutiny during 2023/24 will be include in the Sub-Committee’s work programme for 2023/24.

Recommendations

The Adults & Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee considers the Cabinet Forward Plan and any items the Committee may wish to request for pre-decision scrutiny during 2023/24.

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1.1 The Council’s Constitution (Committee Procedure Rules, Part 3C, Section 38) states: Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Sub-Committees have the power and responsibility to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive.
- 1.2 The attached Appendix A sets out the upcoming Key Decisions which the Authority proposes to take at forthcoming Cabinet meetings. The committee is requested to review the plan and

determine if there are any items that the committee may wish to request for pre-decision scrutiny during 2023/24.

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

2.1 The sub-committee could decide to not review the Cabinet Forward Plan. However, this is not recommended as non-Executive Members should have the opportunity to have an input in major policies and strategies as they are in development.

3. Post Decision Implementation

3.1 Any item that is subject to pre-decision scrutiny will be included in the sub-committee's work programme for 2023/24.

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

4.1 This report is aligned with the key priorities in the new corporate plan. Built on the pillars of "caring for people, our places and the planet" and underpinned by a foundation of being Engaged and Effective. The work of Overview and Scrutiny will support the Council in becoming a 'listening council' collaborating and building a continuous dialogue with residents and communities. In doing so, residents are involved in decision-making and Scrutiny acts to amplify the voice of the public, on issue of concern.

Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

4.2 This item will support delivery of the measure how "We act on concerns of local residents and involve them in decision making".

Sustainability

4.3 None in the context of this report.

Corporate Parenting

4.4 In line with Children and Social Work Act 2017, the council has a duty to consider Corporate Parenting Principles in decision-making across the council. This duty will be considered when including items to the work programme.

Risk Management

4.5 None in the context of this report.

Insight

4.6 Insight data and evidence will be used to support scrutiny reviews on the work programme.

Social Value

4.7 None in the context of this report.

5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)

5.1 As part of the Governance review a dedicated team has been created to support the Overview and Scrutiny function and this will be delivered within the existing Governance service budget.

6. Legal Implications and Constitution References

6.1 The terms of reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees and Sub-Committees are set out in Part 2B and 2C of the Constitution. Procedure rules relating to Overview & Scrutiny are set out in Part 3C of the Constitution. Further rules relating to Overview & Scrutiny are set out in Part 3D (Budget and Policy Procedure Rules) and Part 3E (Access to Information Procedure Rules).

6.2 The terms of reference of the Adults & Health Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee are set out in section 9 and 10 of Part 2B and include:

- All matters as they relate to Adult Social Care;
- Reviewing and scrutinising matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Barnet including inviting the relevant Chief Executive(s) of NHS organisations to account for the work of their organisation (s) as set out and required by the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and related primary and secondary legislation.
- Referring contested major service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2001
- Receiving and commenting upon any external inspections and reviews
- To be responsible in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 for scrutiny of the Council's health functions other than the power under Regulation 23(9) to make referrals to the Secretary of State.
- To recommend to Council that a referral be made to the Secretary of State under Regulation 23(9) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

6.3 To have specific responsibility for scrutiny of the following functions:

- Health and social care infrastructure and service
- NHS England, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Public Health
- Other policy proposals which may have an impact on health, public health, social care and wellbeing.
- Collaborative working with health agencies.
- Commissioning and contracting health services.
- To review the planning, provision and operation of Health services in Barnet and ensure compliance with Regulation 21(1) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 by inviting and taking account of information and reports from local health providers and other interested parties including the local HealthWatch.
- Where a referral is made through the local HealthWatch arrangements, to comply with Regulation 21(3) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 by ensuring that the referral is acknowledged within 20 days and that the referrer is informed of any action taken.
- Where appropriate, to consider and make recommendations for response to NHS consultations on proposed substantial developments/variations in health services that would affect the people of London Borough of Barnet.
- Where appropriate, to consider and make recommendations for response to consultations from local health trusts, Department of Health and Social Care.

- Care Quality Commission and any organisation which provides health services outside the local authority's area to inhabitants within it.
- To discharge the functions conferred by Section 244 (2ZE) of the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended and Regulation 21 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny Regulations 2013) of reviewing and scrutinising, matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Barnet.
- To respond to consultations from local health trusts, Department of Health and Social Care and any organisation which provides health services outside the local authority's area to inhabitants within it.

7. Consultation

7.1 None in the context of this report.

8. Equalities and Diversity

8.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010, the Council and all other organisations exercising public functions on its behalf must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advance equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; promote good relations between those with a protected characteristic and those without. The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination. The work of overview and scrutiny will be transparent and accessible to all sectors of the community.

9. Background Papers

9.1 None