



**REPORT OF:** Democratic Services

**REPORT TO:** Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**ON:** 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**RE:** Work programme update

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**1. Purpose of the Report**

For Members of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee to note the progress to date of the work programme 2014-15 and to reaffirm the priorities for the remainder of the year.

**2. Background**

The last meeting of the Committee took place on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Members of the Committee were advised that two task groups had been held, one discussing the implementation of a fifth licencing objective and separately an in depth briefing on Public Health. A further meeting with the Director of Adult Social Care is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> October to discuss social isolation, its consequences and independence through preventative support. A note of the meeting forms part of the agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**3. Recommendations**

To note the progress on the work programme.

**4. Remaining work programme 2014- 2015.**

Not including the October meeting, the Committee has a further three Standing meetings in the municipal calendar. This does not include any work the Committee choose to undertake outside of the formal meetings by way of task and finish groups or informal collaborative reviews.

Following the first meeting of the year where the Executive Member for Health and Adults presented his priorities and risks, supported by the Director of Public Health, Members were asked to prioritise areas *they as a Committee* wished to scrutinise.

73% of the membership responded to the Survey. The topics favoured were:

- Independence through preventative support  
This issue was subject to a meeting with the Director of Adult Social Care and AgeUk on 15<sup>th</sup> October.
- Reducing Health Inequalities in vulnerable communities
- The effective delivery of the nationally mandated Public health programmes:  
This item was subject of the last Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Within those broad headings the Committee specifically chose to review

- Obesity – this item forms the main focus of the October meeting of the Committee.
- Food banks food poverty and the effects of welfare reform
- And revisit loneliness and social isolation.  
This issue was subject to a meeting with the Director of Adult Social Care and AgeUk on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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