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REPORT OF: Corporate Services

REPORT TO: Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ON: 20th January 2016.

RE: Committee Work programme 2015-16 update

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 2015-16 at this penultimate Committee meeting of the municipal year.

2. Background

The first meeting of the Committee took place on 15th June 2015. The Executive Members for Health and Adult Services outlined his priorities and risks for the year. The Key risks were outlined by the Executive Member, and revisited at the 7th December meeting to establish if they had remained the same, become more challenging or lessened during this municipal year.

At the second meeting on the 13th July the Chief Executive of Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT) and the Chief Executive of East Lancashire Hospital Trust (ELHT) outlined their priorities and risks for the upcoming year. Comprehensive details were outlined in the September work programme update to Committee.

On 27th August a task group was given a briefing on mental health by Public Health and Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group. The briefing provided a broad overview of mental health, mental illness, mental wellbeing and the spectrum each of us may experience both prior to as post receipt of intervention services.

Outcomes of the meeting were:

- For members of the task group to receive Mental Health First Aid training. – This has been completed and certificates will be issued at the Committee meeting on the 7th December.
- And for this training to be offered to other Members of the Council. (This training took place on 11th January, with all political partys being represented, Executive Members, chairs of Committee and the Mental Health Champion being amongst those who participated.

On 9th September the Committee received a presentation on LCFT Custody Pilot, where a stakeholder discussion took place, with active engagement from Blackburn with Darwen Healthwatch.

At the 7th December meeting the Committee received an update on last year's recommendations from the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care, along with a presentation from Blackburn with Darwen Healthwatch on their (and the groups they represent) experiences and findings of their current Homecare service.

For the penultimate meeting of the year the Committee will receive an overview from the Mental Health Champion Councillor Brian Taylor and an update on Foodbank usage in Blackburn, along with an update on the Alcohol Strategy of the Borough from the Director of Public Health.

3. Work programme 2015/16

Please note that after the December meeting (notwithstanding any task and finish groups or informal collaborative reviews that take place outside of the formal meetings,) the Committee will have one Standing Committee meeting left in the municipal calendar on the 14th March 2016.

4. Recommendations

That progress of the Committees work programme for 2015/16 be noted.

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