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REPORT OF: The Chair of Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

REPORT TO: Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

ON: 19th November 2012

RE: Work Programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2012/2013

1. Purpose of the Report

To finalise the agreed Work Programme for the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the second half of the year 2012/2013.

2. Background

In June 2012 at the first meeting of the Municipal year, Members of the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny agreed the following:

- That the Committee would look at the following topics for Children's Service's:
 - 1) Safeguarding Children and young people
 - 2) Strengthening the voice across the wider community and increasing its impact.
- That the Committee would look at the following topics for Adult Social Care:
 - 1) Safeguarding across the wider community
 - 2) Integrated commissioning and delivery.

Members chose to undertake the scrutiny of the topics with the following timelines:

Topic	Timeline	Completed
Children's Services: Safeguarding Children and young people.	June to November	✓
Adults Social Care: Safeguarding across a wider community.	June to November	✓
Children's Services: Strengthening the voice across the wider community and increasing its impact.	December to March	
Adults Safeguarding: Integrated commissioning and delivery	December to March	

During the Task Group meetings there were a number of draft interim recommendations suggested by Members, which have been shared and will become formal recommendations. The two Task Groups have completed their reviews of the topics for the first half of the year in depth and the final meetings of the Task Groups in November are focussed on defining the recommendations which will be brought to the December meeting of the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in a formal report.

3. Next Steps

Members are now asked to consider how to take forward the two topics in the second half of the year between now and March 2013 and to establish with the Executive Members that these topics remain relevant. They are as follows:

- Children's Services: Strengthening the voice across the wider community and increasing its impact.
- Adults Safeguarding: Integrated commissioning and delivery

Members need to agree and establish areas for consideration, potential key lines of enquiry and potential stakeholders to engage. Members also need to agree the membership of each Task Group.

4. Other Areas for Consideration

During the course of the meetings of the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a number of items were considered and agreed for completion during the year 2012/2013. Additional items for consideration are a review of school examination results and an update on the Dementia Consultation to be taken to the December/January meetings of the Children's and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.