

## **SOCIAL AFFAIRS, HEALTH & HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Forward Work Programme from June 2008**

**Please note that the forward work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice.**

**The information in this work programme is correct as at 11 June 2008**

*The order in which items are listed at this stage may not reflect the order they subsequently appear on the agenda / are dealt with at the scrutiny meeting. Please note that for items marked 'part 2' it is recommended that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during its consideration in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).*

*For general enquiries relating to the Council's Scrutiny function, including this committee's work programme, please contact Suzanne Chaloner, Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator, Scrutiny Team on Wrexham 292179.*

*For administrative arrangements such as enquiries relating to report despatch dates, venue layouts, setting up of presentations, etc., please contact Sarah Royce, Committee Administrator, Committee Services on 292240.*

**All Meetings start at 2pm in the Guildhall, Wrexham, unless otherwise stated.**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Reason for Consideration</b>	<b>Responsible Officer/Contact Officer</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 September 2008</b>	Independent Care Homes	Agreed at meeting 12 February 08) that the Committee receive an update in six months on the current situation regarding independent care homes – specifically the development of the 'Toolkit' to ensure transparency in the determination of the fees payable to care homes	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer

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	Housing Stock Transfer / Welsh Housing Quality Standard	Report to follow the All Member Workshop held on 8 July 08. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 2005 - reminder of decisions made by the Executive in January 2005</li> <li>• Review of current HRA (Options Appraisal)</li> <li>• Results of the last Tenants' Opinion Poll with a proposal to repeat the exercise and estimated costs.</li> <li>• Swansea and Carmarthenshire Models</li> <li>• Possible site visits</li> <li>• Review of HRA and Subsidy System in England.</li> <li>• Feedback from the WAG</li> </ul>	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
	Report from Property & Repairs Service Review Task & Finish Group	Report from Task & Finish Group – Possibly an additional meeting	Task & Finish – Pre decision scrutiny	Co-Chairs

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<b>Wednesday 8 October 2008</b>	Local Housing Strategy	Report on the relationship between the Council and Registered Social Landlords concerning the allocation of properties to prospective tenants (as agreed April 2007)	External / Partnership Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
	Draft Supporting People Operational Plan	As agreed 12 February 08	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
	Revisions to Supporting People Eligibility Criteria – Financial Modelling	It was agreed at the meeting of the Committee in March 2007 That this Committee remain concerned at the possibility of services for older people suffering a reduction in funding as a result of the criteria; and (iii) That a further report be presented to the Social Affairs, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee with details of financial modelling and what the implications would be. (deferred from July meeting)	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer

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	<b>Strategy for Older People - TBC</b>	<b>To consider the Exit Strategy developed by Officers to identify proposals as to how work can be undertaken in the future following reductions in funding from 2009 (ref Executive Board report of 5 February 2008) Agreed 12 Feb 08. (deferred from Sept 10)</b>	<b>Pre decision scrutiny</b>	<b>Strategic Director Health Social Care and Wellbeing and Sustainable Development</b>
	Review of Corporate Priorities 2009/12 - TBC	Challenge of corporate priorities and key measures proposed for 2009/12 (Timetable agreed by Corporate Governance & Policy Scrutiny and Executive Board in June 08). Identification of those priorities the committee wish to challenge the targets for in February 2009.	Pre decision scrutiny	Chief Finance & Performance Officer
<b>Wednesday 12 November 2008</b>	Review of Housing and Property Services	6 monthly review and monitoring of performance	Performance Monitoring	Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Housing Capital Programme	To consider priorities for the upcoming capital programme	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer

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	Warm Homes Scheme	To consider a further 12 month extension of the service	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
	<i>Budget Proposals 09/10 – TBC</i>	<i>At its meeting in April 2008, Finance &amp; Performance Scrutiny Committee recommended that each Scrutiny Committee reserve a slot on its FWP to consider issues arising from the all Member workshops on budget proposals for 09/10</i>	<i>Pre-decision Scrutiny</i>	<i>Chief Finance &amp; Performance Officer</i>
<b>Date TBC - November 2008</b>	Social Services Business Plan – Performance & Consideration of Budget Pressures	To monitor progress in key areas as agreed at 12 March 08 and to consider service pressures for the 09/10 budget.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Social Care Officer
	Community Equipment Service		Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer
	Day Service Developments	To receive an interim report on progress being made with Day Service Developments (agreed at meeting of 11 June 08)	Pre decision scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer

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<b>Wednesday 10 December 2008</b>	Review of Housing Advice	As agreed 12 February 08	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
	Emergency Duty Team	6 month progress report as requested by Executive on 11 March 2008 and agreed by this Committee on 9 April 2008.	External / Partnership Scrutiny	
	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy Rents	To seek an early view from Members on the likely rent increase recommended by the WAG	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer

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	Meals on Wheels	Following the June meeting – to receive an progress report on how the ‘transfer of clients from Meals On Wheels to alternative provision’ is going and any problems	Internal performance monitoring	Chief Social Care Officer
	Protection of Vulnerable Adults	Agreed June 07 to receive annual reports to include the All Wales comparison data from Welsh Assembly Government.	Performance Monitoring – INFORMATION REPORT ONLY	Chief Social Care Officer
<b>Wednesday 14 January 2009</b>	Feasibility of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) Additional Licensing Scheme	As agreed 12 February 2008	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
	Eligibility Criteria	To review the proposed social care eligibility criteria for the following financial year	Pre decision Scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer

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	Review of HRA Properties to Let to Other Organisations - TBC	To receive a report on the impact of introducing rent charges from April 09 on those statutory and voluntary organisations currently renting residential properties from the Authority on a rent-free basis. Requested by Committee at meeting of 12 Dec 07.	Pre decision scrutiny	CHHPO
<b>Wednesday 11 February 2009</b>	Corporate Priorities – Challenge of Targets 2009/10 - TBC	To challenge the targets set for those corporate priorities identified as of interest to the Committee in October 08 meeting	Pre decision scrutiny	Chief Finance & Performance Officer
<b>Wednesday 11 March 2009</b>				
<b>Wednesday 8 April 2009</b>				
<b>Wednesday 6 May 2009</b>				

## ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED

ITEM	AS AGREED at meeting of:	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
Telecare Collaboration Agenda	Originally scheduled for March 08	To provide Members with an update on progress being made. Originally scheduled for March 08 – deferred because of the Committee’s consideration of the Future of Carecall and to await the Feasibility <b>Study due at the end of 2008.</b>	External / Partnership Scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer
Choice Protocol	Agreed 9 April 2008	Following consideration of the draft Choice Protocol at the April meeting, Committee requested that a further report be submitted to update Members upon the final content of the policy and plans for its implementation in due course.	External / Partnership scrutiny INFORMATION REPORT ONLY	Chief Social Care Officer
Asbestos Management	Agreed 11 June 08		Information Report Only	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
Recharges for Housing Repairs	Agreed 11 June 08		Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer
Review of Housing Allocations	Agreed 11 June 08	To follow up from an All Member Workshop – to be scheduled in Autumn 2008	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer

Wrexham Options Scheme	Agreed 11 June 08	At the meeting of 11 June Committee considered a report on the development of preventative services following the increase of the Eligibility Criteria from 'moderate' to 'substantial'. Members asked that they receive a future report on the take up of the Wrexham Options Scheme	Internal Performance monitoring	<b>Chief Social Care Officer</b>
Review of Council Sheltered Housing	.Deferred from July 08	To receive a position statement	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer

## REGULAR ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

FREQUENCY	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
6 monthly	Housing Services and Private Sector Housing	Review and monitoring of performance ( <b>May / November</b> ) – <b>Currently under revision and so not currently scheduled in</b>	Performance Monitoring	Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
6 monthly	Emergency Duty Team	To monitor the performance of the Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire EDT as agreed in April 2008 ( <b>December and June</b> )	External / Partnership Scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer
6 monthly	Social Services Business Plan - performance	To monitor progress in key areas as agreed at 12 March 08 and to consider service and budget pressures for the following financial year. Likely to be <b>November</b> .	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Social Care Officer
Annual	Social Services Business Plan	To consider the draft Social Services Business Plan for the following financial year ( <b>March</b> )	Policy Development	Chief Social Care Officer
Annual	Protection of Vulnerable Adults	Agreed June 07 to receive annual report (to include the All Wales comparison data from Welsh Assembly Government) ( <b>December</b> )	Performance Monitoring INFORMATION REPORT	Chief Social Care Officer
Annual	Review of Care Home Fees	To review the fees payable to care homes ( <b>January</b> )	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Social Care Officer
Annual	Eligibility Criteria	To review the proposed eligibility criteria for the following financial year ( <b>November / December each year</b> )	Policy Development	Chief Social Care Officer