

CWOP/34/10**Policy & Scrutiny Committee** Community Wellbeing and Older People**Date** 9 September 2010**Forward Look**

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The following table sets out the Committee's Forward Look as at 8 July 2010. It is subject to alteration as the planning of reviews is ongoing.

Members are requested to note and approve the Forward Look making appropriate amendments and consider the Scrutiny Topics shown in the following table.

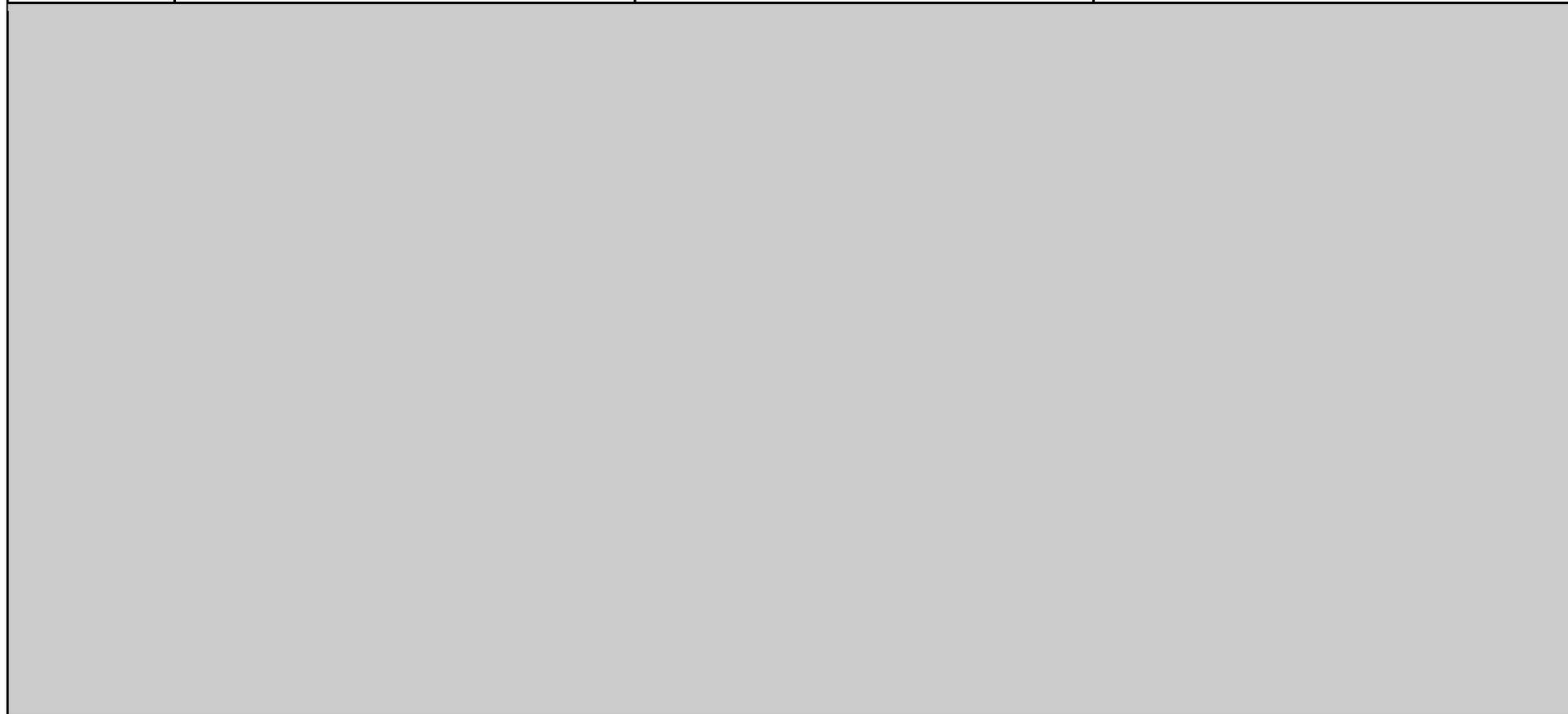
Activity Dates	Activities or Items scheduled for this Date
14 October 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface between finance and social care on debtor control – Recommendation Impact Review date • Final Report of the Absence Management Task and Finish Group • Member Visits to Residential Care Homes • Report back from Telecare pledge on take-up and effectiveness • Adult Safeguarding Unit Annual Report • Report back on Quality and Commissioning of Care • Serious Case Review: Report back on Action Plan • Tendring Reach Out Project: Local and Regional Responses to Poverty and Social Exclusion
11 November 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back on Winter Pressures and Swine Flu • Report back from Libraries: Goldlay Gardens • Annual reports from SEP NHS and North Essex Mental Health Partnership Trusts • Extra Care Sheltered Housing (see scoping document) • Wellbeing Centres (scoping document to follow) • Heritage and Culture (scoping document to follow) • Blue Badge Provision (scoping document to follow) • Fair Access to Transport (provisional date) • Transformation Proposals (provisional date)
9 December 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH&CW Target Operating Model (provisional date) • ACL funding of provision (see scoping document) • Free Personal Care (see scoping document) • Carers Strategy

6 January 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member Visits to Residential Care Homes (quarterly report)• Adult Safeguarding (quarterly report)
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**Forward Look for the Community Wellbeing and Older People's Policy & Scrutiny Committee:
Date: Thursday, 9 September 2010**

Schedule of Meetings			
Reference	Topic	Approach	Current status
CWOP- SCR-	Occupational Therapy Service review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping document considered 11 February 2010. Full Committee 	Internal review being undertaken, commencing in June 2010 with report back to Committee in September 2010
CWOP- SCR-	Free Personal Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping document considered 11 February 2010 	To be scheduled into the work programme at the request of Executive Scrutiny. Provisionally December 2010
CWOP- SCR-	Restricted funding on the provision of courses within Adult Community Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping document considered 11 February 2010 	To be scheduled into the work programme at the request of Executive Scrutiny. Provisionally December 2010
CWOP- SCR-	Blue Badge Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping document to be considered September 2010 	To be scheduled into the work programme. Provisionally November 2010
CWOP- SCR-	Wellbeing Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping document to be considered September 2010 	To Committee November 2010

CWOP- SCR-	Extra Care Sheltered Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoping document to be considered September 2010	To Committee November 2010
CWOP-SCR	Heritage and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoping document to be considered September 2010	To Committee November 2010



Task and Finish Groups

Reference	Topic	Approach	Current status
CWOP-SCR-27	Absence Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping document agreed. Task and Finish Group to gather evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Task and Finish Group has met on three occasions to gather evidence. An interim report from the Group is being received by the Committee in February 2010. Last meeting of the Task and Finish Group held on 4 August. Final report to Committee in October 2010 after final meeting
CWOP-SCR-14	Delayed Discharges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task and Finish Group to gather evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three evidence sessions now held in March, May and July 2010. Next meeting in September 2010
CWOP-SCR-	Review of the SAFE Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole Committee Task and Finish Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meeting held on 11 March. Second meeting held on 4 June. Next evidence session to be held in September 2010.

Completed Reviews Awaiting Monitoring

Reference	Topic	Approach	Current status
CWOP-SCR-06	The Mental Health Accommodation Strategy. To explore if there are adequate arrangements in place for the care of 19-25 year olds with learning disabilities and mental health problems	Scoping document considered by Committee in September 2008 Review being undertaken by Task and Finish <i>Group</i>	T&F met on 19/03/09 Investigation complete. Report to Committee October 2009. Report written and submitted to Cabinet Member.
N/A	Health Inequalities	Letter to AF Chairmen - Area Forums to be asked to look at health Inequalities in their area and report back to the Committee with identified areas for review	Awaiting response from Area Forums.
CWOP-SCR-21	Assisted Technology – Telecare	To focus on what outcomes have been achieved from the additional £4million funding from the Council.	Scoping – September Committee Site visits 9 November 2009. Report to the Committee in October 2010 on take-up and effectiveness
CWOP-SCR-16	Draft Carers Strategy	Item considered for Members to comment on the strategy - included in October 09 committee	To return to Committee December 2010
CWOP-SCR-25	Annual Reports of the Essex County Council & South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and the Essex County Council and North	Annual Reports	Committee – November 2009. Progress reports and additional information requested for June 2010

CWOP- SCR-18	Essex Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust Interface between finance and social care on debtor control.	Item considered on 12 February 2009. Task and Finish Group reported to Committee.	meetings. Annual report in November 2010 Report completed. Sent to Cabinet Member. Implementation Review Date - November 2009. Impact Review Date – May 2010. Report back October 2010
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Completed Reviews where no further action required

Reference	Topic	Approach	Current status
N/A	Scrutiny Review on Provider Services Transformation Programme	Report 'A New Direction for Adult Social Care Provider Services' agreed by Committee Minute 13/June 2008. Recommendations to be considered by considered by Cabinet in Autumn	Completed June 2008 Cabinet decision 14 October 2008 – <i>Chairman - 'Watching brief' on progress of Local Authority Trading Companies (LATCs).</i>
CWOP-SCR-07	Adult Safeguarding	Scoping document considered by Committee in September 2008 So far considered at October/ November meetings	<i>Chairman is considering alternative options for review.</i>
CWOP-SCR-10	Performance Scorecard: 'Satisfaction with home care services/ direct payments'	Scoping document prepared for Full Committee	Considered at meeting on 15 January 2009. <i>No further action required.</i>
CWOP-SCR-11	Bereavement Advice	Proposed by Cllr McEwen	No further action as it has been identified that there is already provision in place. <i>Topic closed - no report required.</i>
CWOP-SCR-12	Resource Allocation System (RAS)	Scoping document prepared for Full Committee	Considered at meeting on 15 January 2009 <i>No further action required.</i>

CWOP-SCR-01	Annual Reports of the Essex County Council & South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and the Essex County Council and North Essex Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	Referred from former PDG	Report completed and submitted to Committee on 10 September 2008 – suggested site visit arose from evidence received. On Agenda 12 February 2009 – feedback from site visit. No further action required. Will be annually reviewed.
CWOP-SCR-13	Community Wellbeing Strategy/Essex Later Life Strategy and The Combined Action Plan	Scoping Document to be considered at Committee 15 January 2009. (but subsequently sent by email for member's comment)	On Agenda 12 February 2009. Review required in six months. August 2009.
CWOP-SCR-03	Library Strategy	Scoping document considered by Committee in September 2008	Subject became integrated into CWOP-SCR-02 and so no longer required as separate item.
CWOP-SCR-04	Use of Library Premises	Scoping document considered by Committee in September 2008	Subject became integrated into CWOP-SCR-02 and so no longer required as separate item.
CWOP-SCR-08	Implementation of Reablement	Revised scoping document developed for meeting December 2008	Considered by Committee on 11 December 2008. <i>Decided at Committee 12 March 2009 – no further action required at present pending possible review.</i>
CWOP-SCR-09	Assistive Technology	Issue now to be considered as part of review on Reablement CWOP-SCR-08	Considered by Committee on 11 December 2008. <i>Decided at Committee 12 March 2009 – no further action required.</i>

CWOP-SCR-02	Role of Library	Full Committee – site visits, formal meeting	Report went to Committee 12 March 2009. Final revisions to report, then to go to Cabinet Member with recommendations. Implementation review date: March 2010
CWOP-SCR-15	OSCARS. Phase 1	Item to be considered for inclusion in April agenda	Scoping document to March Committee Deferred consideration until October – <i>no further action required.</i>
CWOP-SCR-23	Employment opportunities for people with learning difficulties	To look at background information and statistics	Scoping – October Committee. Background Report to October.
CWOP-SCR-28	Shaping the Future of Care	The Consultation Response – from Members of the committee.	Has been referred to Cabinet Member – to be noted.
CWOP-SCR-05	Role of Adult Learning	Scoping document considered by Committee in September 2008	Seek date following external review of Service – March/April 2009. To be referred to Committee after OFSTED report – November 2009.
CWOP-SCR-22	The Learning Revolution	Task and Finish Group. Scrutiny Report considered by Full Committee	Report went to Committee on 11 March 2010. Final revisions made prior to forwarding to Cabinet Member with recommendations.

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Community Wellbeing & Older People Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Restricted Funding on the Provision of Adult Community Learning courses	Ref: CWOP-SCR-??
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipate how any potential funding cuts to ACL courses in Essex will affect course delivery and staffing To understand what courses are likely to be most at risk due to restrictions on funding 	
Reasons for undertaking review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that the restriction in funding for Adult Community Learning courses could leave many potential adult students in the county without ACL opportunities from September 2010 	
Method	Full Committee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Initial briefing to define scope</i> <i>Task & Finish Group</i> <i>Commission</i> <i>Full Committee</i> 		
Membership <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	N/A	
Issues to be addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course funding Staffing of ACL courses Courses under threat due to restricted funding 	
Sources of Evidence and witnesses	To be considered	

Work Programme	Scrutiny Review to start from September 2010 with consideration of scoping document.		
Indicators of Success	To be completed.		
Meeting the CfPS Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reflect public voice and concerns regarding restriction in funding of Adult Community learning courses due to the Learning and Skills Council grant • Impact on Service Delivery potentially denying mature students in the county the chance to improve their skills 		
Diversity and Equality <i>Diversity and Equality issues are to be considered and addressed.</i>	To be completed.		
Date agreed by Committee			
Future Action			
Governance Officer	Robert Fox	Committee Officer	Graham Hughes
Service Lead Officer(s)	To be completed		

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Community Wellbeing & Older People Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Extra Care Sheltered Accommodation	Ref: CWOP-SCR-??
Objective	To undertake scrutiny to ascertain the feasibility of securing a social landlord(s) to assist in the introduction of more extra-care sheltered accommodation builds in the county. See <i>Essex Chronicle</i> article below.	
Reasons for undertaking review	The site visit undertaken by Members of the Committee to Baird Lodge and Keith Leonard House in Cambridgeshire in May 2010 demonstrated to Members the potential advantages of extra care accommodation both in terms of the independent living nature of the accommodation, and the benefits of releasing properties for sale or rent.	
Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee 	Full Committee The committee will consider the scope of the scrutiny in September 2010	
Membership <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	N/A	
Issues to be addressed		
Sources of Evidence and witnesses	Essex County Council AH&CW Strategic Planning and Commissioning Social Housing Partnerships Site visit to new Extra Care Sheltered Accommodation at Helen Court, Witham in the autumn of 2011	

Work Programme	Scrutiny Review to commence in September 2010 with consideration of scoping document as part of Forward Look		
Indicators of Success	To be completed.		
Meeting the CfPS Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on Service Delivery in terms of care of older people; and partnerships with social housing partnerships 		
Diversity and Equality <i>Diversity and Equality issues are to be considered and addressed.</i>	To be completed.		
Date agreed by Committee			
Future Action	To be completed.		
Governance Officer	Robert Fox	Committee Officer	Graham Hughes
Service Lead Officer(s)			

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Community Wellbeing & Older People Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Free Personal Care	Ref: CWOP-SCR-??
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipate how the inception of Free Personal Care will affect Essex County Council 	
Reasons for undertaking review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The introduction of Free Personal Care bringing together the NHS and local authorities providing social care To ascertain the likely number of service users in Essex who might qualify for Free Personal care The likely budgetary and impact on Essex County Council of this service (official figures in Scotland following the introduction of Free Personal Care show a year-on-year increase in the costs of 11% in 2008) A study undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation since the inception of Free Personal Care in Scotland (www.jrf.org.uk/publications/free-personal-care-scotland-recent-developments) indicates the local authorities have reported many misunderstandings regarding free personal care, with service users and elected Members. The impact on local authorities reveals that nearly all report that they are under-funded for the delivery of free personal care. There is continuing variation at a significant level between local authorities, and developments are inconsistent across the country, with some authorities apparently increasing overspends and others controlling expenditure more successfully 	
Method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial briefing to define scope Task & Finish Group Commission Full Committee 	Full Committee	
Membership <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	N/A	

Issues to be addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of potential service users free personal care will be available to • The impact upon budgets • The quality of service available for service users under free personal care 		
Sources of Evidence and witnesses	To be considered		
Work Programme	Scrutiny Review to start from February 2010 with consideration of scoping document.		
Indicators of Success	To be completed.		
Meeting the CfPS Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on Service Delivery through the introduction of free personal care and the allied impact on budgets 		
Diversity and Equality <i>Diversity and Equality issues are to be considered and addressed.</i>	To be completed.		
Date agreed by Committee			
Future Action			
Governance Officer	Robert Fox	Committee Officer	Graham Hughes
Service Lead	To be completed		

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