

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16**

**HEALTH AND WELL BEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

<b>AGENDA ITEM 5</b>
<b>PROPOSED SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME</b>

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To set out a proposed work programme for the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members of the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee:

- 2.1 To agree the proposed shortlist of topic areas as shown at Appendix 1 for inclusion on its Work Programme; and
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1 above, to develop the draft 'scopes', outcomes and timescales to be determined at the next meeting of this Committee.

**3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 At the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015, a proposed approach to assist the Committee in drafting a work programme was set out and agreed<sup>1</sup> (albeit, it was recognised that the 'approach' would be an evolving one and may / will be subject to refinement moving forward). A copy of this report can be access by clicking on the following [link](#).
- 3.2. At the same meeting Committee Members agreed a long list of possible topic areas and authorised the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to undertake a more detailed review to inform the Committee in producing a

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<sup>1</sup> Agreed approach – the approach was also approved by the Council's other Scrutiny Committees as part of the July 2015 round of scrutiny meetings

shortlist of topics at its September 2015 meeting. The long list of possible topic areas are set out below:

- Key issues in relation to the implementation of the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act;
- Integrating Health & Social Services (delayed transfers of care);
- Supporting people in their own home;
- Carers;
- Safeguarding;
- Mental Health;
- Care Plans Reviewed
- Leisure – its role in reablement;
- Housing – new legislation; and
- Public Health & Protection (including enforcement);
- Development of a ‘whole’ bereavement service.

3.3 Using the above list, Section 4 sets out the work undertaken in formulating a proposed shortlist of topic areas.

#### **4. PROPOSED SHORTLIST OF TOPIC AREAS**

4.1 Further to the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Committee meeting, Council officers have applied a series of questions, as set out in the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 report, to each of the possible long list of topic areas. The results of this process are set out at Appendix 1.

4.2. As Committee Members will note, although each topic area on the long list as shown at paragraph 3.2 above, are worthy of review, by applying the series of questions it has been possible to prioritise and in doing so, produce a shortlist.

4.3 Since this time, Council officers have considered the shortlist of topics, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, The results of this work have been incorporated into Appendix 1.

4.4 Based on this, Members are requested to:

4.4.1 Consider the proposed shortlist of topic areas as shown at Appendix 1.

4.4.2 Set out a timetable for the delivery of the Work Programme and the method of scrutiny to be applied to each agreed topic area at the next meeting of this Committee.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 The Council’s Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee agreed a revised approach to work programming at its meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

- 5.2 The revised approach has been used to formulate a work programme that aims to demonstrate the rationale for topic selection together with the intended outcome(s) from the Committee's work.
- 5.3 It is recognised that the revised approach is in its infancy and will need to be subject to Member and Officer reflection moving forward to ensure it is fit for purpose.

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Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16  
Preferred Scrutiny Work Programme Areas

Health and Wellbeing

Programme item considered for 2015/16	Chair and Vice Proposal
<p><b>1. Social Services and Wellbeing Act - (nb still awaiting WG guidance)</b>            Two areas</p> <p>i. <b>Eligibility (and Assessment) processes</b>            What will thy look like from 1April 2016            What will be the impact for existing/new clients?            What are the implications for the Council?            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p> <p>ii. <b>Providing Information and Advice to our Residents</b>            What is the Council putting in place to ensure that people get the information they need about social care services at the time they need it?            How will we know that people have access(ed) improved information?            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p>	Not at this time
<p><b>2. Getting the balance right</b>            How are we managing the support to people in their own homes? Particularly in the            Why is the number of people in our residential homes high? Does it need to be?            How will we know if we have the balance right?            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p>	Proposed
<p><b>3. What can we do, with Health, to get people safely out of hospital more quickly (Transfer of Care System)?</b>            Why are people in hospital in the first place? Eg medical condition or failure of care            What is stopping people getting out of hospital?            How do we make sure they can manage at home? To include new 'At Home' service and other interventions            How do we help people to manage the choice process?            How do we support more carers? To pick up Carers Assessments.            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p>	Proposed, now includes carers assessments from 5 below
<p><b>4. How do we know that people are getting the right services</b>            How can we make this more effective through improved assessment and review processes?            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p>	Not at this time
<p><b>5. Promote the identification and recognition of Carers of all ages, especially if funding is withdrawn?</b>            What can we do to identify and support more Carers of all ages?            What can we do to improve the assessments for Carers?            How will we know that we are reaching more Carers?            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p>	Aspects now included in 3 above
<p><b>6. Mental Health</b>            What difference will implementing the Mental Health Measure make to the residents of RCT            How does the Mental Health Measure impact on people with dementia?            Provide a challenge to the way that we work with health in order to deliver improved integrated services.            How will Scrutiny make a difference?</p>	Not at this time

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