

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

8 June 2023

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 6.50pm

Present: Councillors N Sharif (Chair), Owen (Deputy), Axford, Beardmore, Drennan, Tilbrook

Apologies: Councillors Bowden, Karim, Pearce

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by members of the Scrutiny Panel.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on 9 March 2023 were approved as a correct record.

3. ROLE OF SCRUTINY

The Chair presented an update and recap on the role of Scrutiny within the wider framework of the Council.

4. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity. The programme of work will cover a two-year rolling period that is to be reviewed, updated and agreed on an annual basis. Scrutiny will continue to adopt a combination of approaches to review service and performance updates, respond to formal consultations, focus reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and areas in need of more in-depth review. This includes a responsibility for:

- Research and insight on a particular issue, including desktop reviews
- Review of decisions and recommendations
- Follow-up (from previous review / recommendations)
- Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity
- Consideration of decisions and reports of the Ombudsman
- Receive updates on key issues as they arise
- Active monitoring of national and regional policy and substantive variation to services

The Chair presented a list of potential topics for the 2023/24 municipal year, with comments from members noted to inform the final document. Next step is for Overview Panel to receive the Scrutiny Work Programmes report on 1 August 2023.

Discussion followed on the priority of topics and the timetable for future meetings. Items with greatest interest were:

- Domestic abuse
- Carers
- Mental health
- Elective waiting lists

The Chair will explore options to inform a future update and review on Domestic Abuse.

Scrutiny activity will continue to take place outside of the formal meetings, with all findings and recommendations presented to the full panel for comment and approval.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel will take place on Thursday 27 July 2023.

6. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR