# SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE REVIEW TOPICS 2013/14

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#### **REASON FOR ITEM**

To enable the Committee to agree the review it wishes to undertake in the 2013/14 Council year.

#### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

1. Agree one major topic for an in-depth review in 2013/14 and single meeting reviews.

#### **INFORMATION**

- 1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to Social Services, Housing and Public Health. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda.
- 2. Previous experience from both Hillingdon and other Councils indicates that the Committee can have the greatest impact by focusing on a work programme agreed at the start of the Council year. Similarly, focusing upon one or two items at each meeting can help Members engage with the major issues and encourage stakeholder engagement.
- 3. As in previous years, the Committee is recommended to use this first meeting of the year to set a work programme for the next 12 months and select one topic for major review.
- 4. In selecting topics, Members are reminded of the Committee's work in from 2009 to 2013, which included reviews of:

#### 2009/10

Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living
The Transformation Agenda and Direct Payments in Hillingdon

#### 2010/11

To examine the use of Assistive Technology by Adult Social Care to support Independent Living

Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living

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#### 2011/12

Personalisation and Disabilities with Reference to Transition Population Flows and the Impact on Housing Services in Hillingdon

### 2012/13

- Adult Community Mental Health Services
- Single meeting topics on Welfare Reforms and Adult Social Care Market Development

Members agree one topic for in-depth review, using the attached selection criteria.

## POLICY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY REVIEW PROFORMA

	Name of review										
Selection Criteria for a review											
Strong public interest											
2. Government pressure / Change in policy											
3. Included in the Hillingdon Improvement Programme (HIP) / Council objectives											
4. Inspection report recommendation (e.g. performance standards poor or below target)											
5. Area within Council's control / influence											
6. High impact on residents											
7. Expertise available on which to draw											
8. Good practice available elsewhere											
9. Any likely recommendations would be achievable within existing resources and budgets											

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Total score (one 'Y' = 1 point)			