

# SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - REVIEW TOPICS FOR 2017/18

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## REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to agree a topic or topics to be reviewed by the Committee in 2017/18.

## OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to select an area or areas within its remit to be reviewed. Officers will then provide a scoping report for the Committee that addresses Members' main concerns and puts forward an effective plan for the review.

Members can select multiple review topics, as well as specify whether it should be a major or minor review.

## RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE

**It is recommended that the Committee select "Loneliness and social isolation: local partnership efforts to mitigate social isolation amongst older residents and people with mental health issues" as its major review for 2017/18.**

## INFORMATION

1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to the Social, Housing and Health areas of the Council. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda. These cover Adult Social Care, Older People's Services, Public Health Services, Social and Supported Housing and Housing Needs, and Benefit and Welfare changes.
2. Reviews undertaken by the Committee are structured into its overall work programme set out at the start of the Municipal Year. This enables Members to plan ahead any relevant information requirements, witness sessions, site visits, consultations etc... in support of any review topic chosen.
3. Since the meeting held on 19 April 2017, potential topics for reviews have been suggested by Members and worked up closely by Democratic Services in consultation with the Committee Chairman:
  - a) **The impact of the Homelessness Reduction Act** - its principles, the new duties for LAs and- impacts for LBH and residents. This has recently been through the House of Lords final time, unopposed so will receive Royal Assent shortly.
  - b) **Pandemic Disease Outbreaks** - impacts on Hillingdon, likely scenarios, the responses expected of LBH and PHE. The influence of the airport. There could be a review of what happened here in respect of Ebola.

- c) **Extra Care** - Transforming expectations of independence and improving quality of life and social inclusion through extra care housing.
- d) **Home Care** - examining the sustainability and quality of provision in the market.
- e) **Loneliness and isolation in Hillingdon's older residents / people with mental health issues** - causes and impact of loneliness and isolation on the mental and physical wellbeing of Hillingdon residents, what services are available to mitigate this, particularly for older people through the Council, health partners and voluntary sector – gaps and/or the success (or otherwise) of these.

It is considered the latter suggested topic would add value to the Council's strategy and actions in respect of the health and wellbeing of local residents.