

## EXTERNAL SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME

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| <b>Committee name</b>     | External Services Select Committee                 |
| <b>Officer reporting</b>  | Nikki O'Halloran, Corporate Resources and Services |
| <b>Papers with report</b> | Appendix A – Work Programme                        |
| <b>Ward</b>               | n/a  |

### HEADLINES

To enable the Committee to track the progress of its work and forward plan.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That the External Services Select Committee considers the Work Programme at Appendix A and agrees any amendments.**

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. At its meeting on 8 September 2020, the Committee agreed that all future meetings be scheduled to start at 6.30pm for the remainder of the municipal year, to provide those attending straight from work with a little extra time to arrive. Should the need arise, the Committee will be able to vary the start time on an ad hoc basis. Given the current changing situation with regard to COVID-19, whether the meeting will be held in person or virtually will also be determined on an ad hoc basis.
2. The meeting dates for the 2020/2021 municipal year were agreed by Council on 16 January 2020 and are as follows:

| Meetings  | Room    |
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| Thursday 11 June 2020 CANCELLED                   | CR6     |
| Thursday 2 July 2020, 6.30pm (Private / Informal) | VIRTUAL |
| Tuesday 8 September 2020, 6.30pm                  | VIRTUAL |
| Thursday 8 October 2020, 6.30pm                   | VIRTUAL |
| Tuesday 10 November 2020, 6.30pm                  | VIRTUAL |
| Tuesday 12 January 2021, 6.30pm                   | VIRTUAL |
| Tuesday 9 February 2021, 6.30pm                   | VIRTUAL |
| Tuesday 23 March 2021, 6.30pm                     | ?? CR5  |
| Wednesday 28 April 2021, 6.30pm                   | ?? CR5  |
| Thursday 29 April 2021, 6.30pm                    | ?? CR5  |

3. The meeting dates for the 2021/2022 municipal year are due to be agreed at the Council meeting on 25 February 2021. Further details of the issues to be discussed at each meeting can be found at Appendix A.

## **Topics to be Scheduled into the Work Programme**

4. At its meeting on 12 January 2021, the Committee agreed that it would not convene meetings to specifically talk to the local Trusts about their Quality Account 2020/2021 reports. These would instead be circulated, reviewed and responded to by Members outside of formal Committee meetings as and when they were received.
5. Members would be receiving an update on post office services at its next meeting on 9 February 2021 as well as an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the GP pressures review. Given the current pandemic, the Committee requested that consideration also be given to the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme at its next meeting on 9 February 2021. As such, rather than being included as another item on the agenda, Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group would be asked to provide a written update on the effectiveness of the flu vaccination which would be circulated to Members outside of the meeting.
6. It was agreed that representatives from The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (THH) would be invited to attend the meeting on 28 April 2021 to talk to Members about the measures that had been taken with regard to infection prevention and control. THH would also be asked to provide Members with an update on the progress of the new hospital development.
7. It should be noted that the Committee is required to meet with the local health trusts at least twice each year. It is also required to scrutinise the crime and disorder work of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership (SHP).
8. The Committee received an update from NHS England (NHSE) / NHS Improvement (NHSI) at its meeting on 9 October 2019 in relation to the review of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. Following a period of engagement, expressions of interest were sought and evaluated and a recommendation has been made to NHSE. The Chairman of the Committee attended a site visit and workshop at Mount Vernon Hospital on Tuesday 4 February 2020. Representatives from a number of organisations attended this event including: East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust, NHSE, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH), The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (THH), Healthwatch Hillingdon, East and North Hertfordshire CCG and Hillingdon CCG.
9. It is anticipated that all Members of the health scrutiny committees at the London Borough of Hillingdon and Hertfordshire County Council will be invited to attend a site visit which, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has yet to be arranged. Members should note that, given that there are a large number of Health Scrutiny Committees that may want to scrutinise proposals for the future of cancer services at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) is likely to be established. The Committee will be kept apprised of any developments with regard to this issue.

## **Live Broadcasting of Meetings**

10. It should be noted that Cabinet, at its meeting on 30 May 2019, agreed that all future policy overview and select committee meetings would be broadcast live on YouTube. As such, all formal External Services Select Committee meetings will be broadcast live. Where possible, these meetings have been moved into Committee Room 5 to facilitate better views of the meetings. If the meeting is to be held virtually, it will also be streamed and broadcast live.

## **Reviews**

11. As the meetings of the External Services Select Committee usually deal with a lot of business, the Committee is able to set up Select Panels to undertake in depth reviews on its behalf. These Panels are 'task and finish' and their membership can comprise any London Borough of Hillingdon Councillor, with the exception of Cabinet Members.
12. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings of the Select Panel have been put on hold for the time being. It is hoped that these will resume in the near future.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.