

## COMMITTEE REVIEW: TOPIC PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PHASE

<b>Committee name</b>	Social Care, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee
<b>Officer reporting</b>	Steve Clarke, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Papers with report</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	All

### HEADLINES

At the Committee's meeting on 09 February 2021, Members discussed prospective topic ideas for the Committee's next major review. Officers have carried out initial scoping of the ideas and a number of feasible review topics are being reported back to the Committee.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Committee considers its next topic for a major review, provides a steer on the objectives, necessary witnesses and information required in order for a full scoping report to be prepared for the next meeting.**

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

At the meeting on 25 March 2021, the Committee endorsed the final report on its major review into 'Making the Council more autism-friendly' for submission to Cabinet. Following this, the Committee is looking to embark upon its next review. At the 09 February 2021 meeting, Members explored potential topics for the next review and made a number of useful suggestions taking into account the anticipated changes to the Committee's remit following the Annual General Meeting in May 2021.

Officers have conducted initial scoping of the suggested review topics and four feasible reviews have been brought back to the Committee for discussion. It is suggested that any topics not pursued for a major review could be added to the Committee's work programme to come back as information items throughout 2021/22.

### Initial Considerations (Appendix A)

Democratic Services have liaised with relevant officers following the suggestions made. An initial analysis has been made on four topic areas as set out below. Members should note that limitations may apply to some ideas that fall somewhat out of the Committee's Terms of Reference into other Committees' briefs, and where the delivery of services is provided principally by outside bodies where the Council has limited control.

## **Scorecard Analysis (Appendix B)**

Additionally, Members may wish to consider the topics suggested against the universal scorecard attached as **Appendix B**, which is useful in demonstrating those topics that could have the greatest impact and benefit. It is important to note that the scorecard has been filled in by officers and the decision over which topic to pursue is solely that of the Committee.

## **Implications on related Council policies**

A role of the Policy Overview Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

## **How this report benefits Hillingdon residents**

None at this stage, pending any findings approved by Cabinet.

## **Financial Implications**

It is important that the Committee considers cost effective proposals that benefit resident taxpayers in relation to this review, which would ultimately be determined by Cabinet as part of the Council's broader budget planning process.

## **Legal Implications**

None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL.

## APPENDIX A - INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Initial scoping with officers on suggested review topics

#### A review on Children and Young People's Mental Health

A review considering the mental wellbeing of children and young people in the Borough and the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The review could look at the provision of mental health services and the level to which support is available and adaptable in the wake of Covid-19.

#### **Feedback from Service Area – Julie Kelly, Director of Service Delivery, Children and Young Peoples Services**

Mental health provision is the responsibility of CNWL NHS Foundation Trust and specifically CAMHs. In Children's Services we do consider children and young people's mental health at each stage of the pathway though this is through multi agency assessment and then subsequent provision by the aforementioned organisations. Review of internal Council response/approach would be limited. In other times a multi-agency review may be successful despite the obvious barrier of jurisdiction, this would also then encroach on the remit of the External Services Select Committee. In the current climate with COVID 19 pressures and priorities on services, particularly NHS services, I don't feel it would be appropriate or welcomed by our health partners to participate.

**This review would fall somewhat within the Committee's remit but largely within the remit of the External Services Select Committee.**

#### Promoting Healthy Lifestyles following the Covid-19 Pandemic

A review considering the way in which the Council can encourage and facilitate healthy and physically active lifestyles for residents of the Borough. The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the need for well-balanced healthy lifestyles, the review could touch on sport and physical activity, healthy diet initiatives, smoking cessation programmes etc.

#### **Feedback from Service Area – Priscilla Simpson, Sport and Physical Activity Team Manager**

The Council has a significant level of control when it comes to the promotion of healthy lifestyles, however there is also a shared responsibility and action among the public, private and voluntary sectors. Traditionally, the Council modifies its promotion of physical activity and healthy lifestyles based on data and information from the following sources:

- Sport England Strategy – 'Uniting the Movement' (2021)
- London Sport Strategy – 'LDN Moving' (2021)

- Active Lives Survey: Physical Activity and Inactivity Levels

This helps to inform local plans such as the updating of a Sport and Physical Activity Strategy in 2021, supported by London Sport Insight Data addressing more local approaches to improving inactivity rates among the most inactive population groups. Following the coronavirus pandemic, many of the programmes commissioned by the Sport and Physical Activity Team will be reviewed for viability, access and how they can contribute to the new Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Action Plan.

Promoting active lifestyles that support mental and physical health is crucial. Health, Sport, Wellbeing strategies drafted during the pandemic all state the need for immediate action and recognition for providing accessible, affordable programmes for all ages that encompass Physical and Mental Wellbeing on a short, medium, and long term.

**This review would fall predominantly within the Committee's remit.**

### **Corporate Parenting responsibilities and Early Help Prevention Review**

A review considering the Council's Corporate Parenting Responsibilities and early help prevention services. The review could look at best practice in enabling sustainable and positive outcomes to prevent the escalation of needs for service users.

### **Feedback from Services Area - Julie Kelly, Director of Service Delivery, Children and Young Peoples Services**

Corporate Parenting responsibilities as an area of review clearly fits within the remit of the Social Care, Housing and Public Health POC. It is suggested however that the subject is very broad and could be narrowed somewhat. It should be noted that there are a number of other scrutiny functions that operate across this area:

- Corporate Parenting Panel
- Fostering Panel
- Ofsted Inspection (Full inspection 2018 (Good – Outstanding Leadership) and Focus Visit 2020 (Improved since 2018))
- Internal Audit have undertaken 2 x focussed audits in this area in 20/21 with further scheduled for 21/22; results of which will be fed back to the Audit Committee.
- POC report February 2020 and April 2021 addressing Semi Independent Living as a workstream.

If the Committee are keen to explore this area for review then to obtain best value and understanding, a narrowing of the subject would be beneficial.

**This review would fall predominantly within the Committee's remit, subject to a specified**

**narrowing of the scope.**

### **Assistive Living Technologies Review**

A review considering Assistive Living and the current provision of services within the Council. The review could take stock of the Council's current offer and the popular TeleCare service; investigating how these services could be improved. The Committee could also explore forthcoming assistive living technologies with regard to technology enabled health and care monitoring.

### **Feedback from Services Area – Darren Thorpe, Head of Business Delivery and Support – Adult Social Care**

The Council is currently using a range of Assisted Living Technologies to enable residents to live safely and independently for as long as possible, in their own homes. The technology used is aimed at supporting residents in daily life and providing peace of mind for them, their families and carers. It is also a preventative service based on low cost equipment which can lead to savings in high cost placements in a residential care home setting.

Other available technologies are currently being investigated and tested with a view to piloting in a number of different areas. These include:

- [ARMED](#) – falls prevention, risk modelling, medication management
- [Buddi](#) – GPS tracker, falls detector
- [Apello](#) – smart living solutions, digital alarms, telecare monitoring, technology enabled care
- [Tunstall](#) – connected care and health solutions
- [The Happiness programme](#) - portable magic tables, interactive light technology

A review into Assistive Living could be beneficial to take stock of the Council's current offer, explore other options available and also to review how the current TeleCareLine service works from end to end to see if we could streamline the process, the installation, and repairs. [TCES](#) would be an option to consider.

Any services implemented would need to meet the [TSA Quality Standards Framework](#).

**This review would fall predominantly within the Committee's remit.**