

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 15 February 2022
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Scrutiny Topic for 2022/23 review
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with proposed scrutiny topic areas for the 2022/23 review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

i) The Board consider scrutiny topics for 2022/23 and make a decision in order for the review schedule to be taken forward.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 2021/22 Scrutiny

3.1.1 The 2021/22 scrutiny review is still underway and the final report is to be brought to the next meeting. The topic group is currently focussing on the outcomes from the ***'North West Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (NWADASS) Elected Member Commission: The impact of Covid-19 on People with Care and Support Needs, their Families, Carers and Communities'***¹ with a view to making recommendations for Halton.

3.1.2 Normally the scrutiny would be completed in December with the final report being brought to the Board for this meeting. Unfortunately, as a result of delays associated with the pandemic and Member availability the final meeting for the topic group was not able to take place until January. This means that the final report will come to the next Board meeting in June.

3.2 Scrutiny Review 2020/21

Prior to the 21/21 report being ratified the topic group for 22/23

¹ The full report and additional information regarding the commission can be found on the NWADASS website; <https://www.nwadass.org.uk/elected-member-social-care-commission>

needs to be arranged. This is to ensure the programme of activity associated with the review can be planned and organised.

3.2.1 As part of Member involvement in the current business planning process a range of topic areas have been identified for consideration for scrutiny during the municipal year 2022/23:

- Approaches to Adult Social Care workforce planning
- Provision of Learning Disability services in Halton
- Skills and training opportunities for social care provider staff

These are now open to discussion, and alternatives may be proposed.

3.2.2 It is intended that an outline brief for the topic area chosen is brought to the net Board meeting for final approval.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Scrutiny topics groups outcomes may involve further action in the form of policy or strategy development. This will be identified as part of the review.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The scrutiny review is chosen to support the Council's strategic priority of Improving Health.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

N/A

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None identified