

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 27th September 2022

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Scrutiny Topic Brief and Proposed Activity Schedule

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To agree the Topic Brief for the Health Policy and Performance Board (PPB) Scrutiny Group and the proposed activity schedule for presentations and feed-in to the scrutiny.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

- I. The Topic Brief is approved; and**
- II. The proposed activity schedule for the topic group is approved as representative of the input required to fulfil the brief.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Following on from feed-in to the last Health PPB meeting a scrutiny topic for 2022/23 was chosen. It was agreed that this would focus on the current issues around the Adult Social Care Workforce, including looking at workforce planning and development needs.

3.2 A meeting was further held with Councillor Peter Lloyd-Jones, as Chair of the Health PPB, Damian Nolan, as Divisional Manager lead for the topic area and Nicola Hallmark, as service development support for the group. Here, the focus areas of the scrutiny were agreed and meetings scheduled to start soon after the May elections.

3.3 The first topic group meeting took place on Thursday 12 May 2022 where an overview of some of the main themes to be considered was presented, together with looking at the draft Topic Brief and proposed activity schedule. As attendance was low Cllr. Peter Lloyd-Jones asked for both documents, together with the presentation, be shared with the wider group for further feed-in. Members were given until Friday 27th May to make any amendments. No further feedback has been received and further meetings have taken place according to the schedule.

3.4 It is requested that the Board ratify the documents – the Topic Brief and the proposed activity schedule – to take forward the programme of activity intended to fulfil the remit presented.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The scrutiny topic group will run to the end of 2022 whereupon recommendations will be put forward by Members. This may impact on the need for further policy and strategy work.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified

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

None identified

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

This Topic Group intends to consider the workforce needs across the Adult Social Care sector in Halton, with a view to ensuring the services are delivered in a safely and effectively and empower choice and control for those who access services.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This report does not require an Equality Impact Assessment

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

None identified.