

2.5 Safe and Healthy People Select Committee

The Safe and Healthy People Committee has undertaken a variety of work during the year, including questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern relating to the Committee's terms of reference, pre-scrutinising matters from the Executive decision programme for Adult Services and Regulatory Services, and monitoring the strategic management of performance in relation to Adult Services.

In depth scrutiny has been progressed on the topics of age-proofing mainstream public services and engaging with older people in Hampshire, as part of the wider issue facing the county of preparing for an ageing population. These reviews will be completed in May 2010, and a new topic for in-depth scrutiny will be selected at the Committee's June 2010 meeting.

The Committee have assumed responsibility for the scrutiny of Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships, following the Police & Justice Act 2006, and held their first Crime themed meeting in July 2009. Relationships have been established with the Police Authority, and topics such as sex trafficking and prostitution have been subject to scrutiny. The next Crime & Disorder scrutiny meeting takes place in June 2010.

In addition, scrutiny monitoring of progress with the implementation of aspects of the Access to Services for People with Alcohol Problems review has taken place during the year; this has allowed Members oversight of the suggestions for improvements identified in the review, and the opportunity to make further comments and additional challenges.

Members have also kept abreast of national policy change impacting on the work of Select Committees in general.

A full summary of the work of S&H Select Committee is at laid out below.

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SELECT COMMITTEE: Safe and Healthy People

SUMMARY OF PRE SCRUTINY / SCRUTINY WORK

Pre scrutiny / scrutiny areas of investigation and influence	Action/s	Outcome/s	Estimated impact / influence
<p>1. Scrutinising the work of the Executive and the County Council as an organisation</p>	<p>Outcome monitoring:</p> <p>a) Access to services for people with alcohol problems</p> <p>Identification and initiation of an in-depth review, which began in February 2009:</p> <p>b) How mainstream public services in Hampshire are being age-proofed to promote independence in later life</p> <p>Identification and initiation of supplementary in-depth scrutiny review, which began in October 2009:</p> <p>c) How Hampshire county council and its partners engage with</p>	<p>a) See table below</p> <p>b) Conclusions and main findings presented to Select Committee in November 2009, agreed work was ongoing on age proofing but there was scope to launch a supplementary review of engaging with older people.</p> <p>c) N/A</p>	<p>a) See table below</p> <p>b) c) Conclusions and recommendations from both reviews to be amalgamated into one report, due to be finalised in May 2010.</p>

	older people		
2. Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern	There has been consideration of various topics at the quarterly Select Committee meetings during the year. (see details in table below)	<p>Various: eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview and `real time' scrutiny, as well as overview over a longer period - No further action - Liaison with partner agency <p>(see details below)</p>	See detail in table below
3. Monitoring the strategic management of performance	<p>Monitoring of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mental Health Advocacy Framework b) Annual performance against the National Service Framework for Mental Health c) Annual performance as assessed by the national mental health Service Users survey 	See detail in table below	See detail in table below

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) LAA Indicator performance for Adult Services e) Year two of the Independent Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards f) Departmental performance issues, relating these to budgetary issues 		
<p>4. Pre-scrutinising recommendations from the Decision Programme</p>	<p>Decision lists relating to Adult Services and Regulatory Services considered prior to each quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Chairman attendance at and participation in Adult Services Executive Member meetings.</p> <p>Certain proposals for decisions have been scrutinised by the Committee: eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Capital Programme and Revenue budget (mid year 2007/08 and proposals for 2009/10) b) Health & Wellbeing Partnership 	<p>See detail in table below</p>	<p>See detail in table below</p>

	c) Learning Disabilities Strategy		
Monitoring the impact of external agencies on the people of Hampshire	<p>Integral to the scrutiny review process eg. through the age proofing mainstream public services and engaging with older people reviews (where stakeholders included the NHS, Older People's Forums, Prison Service, etc)</p> <p>Carried out through the questioning and exploring of areas of interest eg. Crime & Disorder (Police), Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy service (independent sector provider organisation), Health & Wellbeing Partnership (NHS)</p> <p>Scrutiny of LAA Indicators allows scrutiny to look at partnership working between Adult Services and external agencies (e.g voluntary & community sector).</p>	See detail in table below	See detail in table below

DETAIL OF SELECT COMMITTEE WORK

Select Committee role	Type of activity and date	Outcome, including action/s	Impact/Influence
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<p>Scrutinising the work of the Executive and the County Council as an organisation</p>	<p>Outcome monitoring:</p> <p>a) Access to services for people with alcohol problems</p> <p>Identification and initiation of an in-depth review, which began in February 2009:</p> <p>b) How mainstream public services in Hampshire are being age-proofed to promote independence in later life</p> <p>Identification and initiation of supplementary in-depth scrutiny review, which began in October 2009:</p> <p>c) How Hampshire county council and its partners engage with older people</p>	<p>a) Responses to key recommendations were identified and monitored in 09/10. One outstanding issue from review due to be heard in April 2010.</p> <p>b) Conclusions and main findings presented to Select Committee in November 2009, agreed work was ongoing on age proofing but there was scope to launch a supplementary review of engaging with older people.</p> <p>c) N/A</p>	<p>a) Outcome monitoring has shown that the review's comments and recommendations have been taken into consideration in on-going and newly initiated work</p> <p>b) c) Conclusions and recommendations from both reviews to be amalgamated into one report, due to be finalised in May 2010.</p>
<p>Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern</p>	<p>Consideration at quarterly Select Committee meetings of the following issues:</p> <p>a) Safeguarding Adults b) Hampshire County Council's relationship with</p>	<p>Various:</p> <p>a) Requested biannual overview of adult safeguarding within the</p>	<p>Various:</p> <p>a) Members assured of strategies and practices in place to support Adult Safeguarding. Regular monitoring of topic allows Members to make</p>

	<p>the 3rd sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Mental Health Advocacy d) Crime & Disorder e) Safety of Social Workers 	<p>Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Overview completed and Policy & Review Select Committee agreed to look at this under Resources portfolio. c) Performance information requested, and real-time scrutiny at subsequent meeting. d) Real time scrutiny took place in June 2009 on Prostitution and trafficking, next real-time scrutiny diared for June 2010 e) Overview completed and no further action 	<p>recommendations to key officers and the Executive Member on issues of concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Members able to use the briefing to inform their work in general c) Members able to monitor progress with development of strategies d) Members have statutory duty to scrutinise Crime & Disorder and make recommendations to key organisations on Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships to reduce crime and improve safety in Hampshire. e) Overview allowed Members to channel their concerns and to seek assurance from the Executive Member
<p>Monitoring the strategic management of performance</p>	<p>Monitoring of the following areas:</p>	<p>Various:</p>	<p>Various:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mental Health Advocacy Framework b) Annual performance against the National Service Framework for Mental Health c) Annual performance as assessed by the national mental health Service Users survey d) LAA Indicator performance for Adult Services e) Year two of the Independent Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards f) Departmental performance issues, relating these to budgetary issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * clarification of issues and further in-depth information where this was needed * encouragement to officers, where appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * challenge and dialogue about issues affecting people in Hampshire * highlighting of issues where progress is required * action by the committee to influence partner agencies to strengthen improvement * Members assured about improvements over time as recorded through Adult Services performance * linking of departmental performance issues to budget issues
<p>Pre-scrutinising recommendations from the Decision Programme</p>	<p>Decision lists relating to Adult Services and Regulatory Services considered prior to each quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Chairman attendance at and participation in Adult Services</p>	<p>Exercise of Committee's duty to pre-scrutinise decisions</p>	<p>Challenge to decisions made through real-time scrutiny</p>

	<p>Executive Member meetings.</p> <p>Certain proposals for decisions have been scrutinised by the Committee: eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Capital Programme and Revenue budget (mid year 2007/08 and proposals for 2009/10) b) Health & Wellbeing Partnership c) Learning Disabilities Strategy 		
<p>Monitoring impact of external agencies on the people of Hampshire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Integral to the scrutiny review process eg. through the age proofing mainstream public services and engaging with older people reviews (where stakeholders included the NHS, Older People's Forums, Prison Service, etc) b) Carried out through the questioning and exploring of areas of interest eg. Crime & Disorder (Police), Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy service (independent sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Invitation to external agencies to comment on review subject and possible recommendations, and request for co-operation in monitoring outcomes during the year b) Highlighting of, and response to, issues affecting the people of Hampshire. Also, further exploration of issues from other agencies' perspective (Police) Invitation to external agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Outcome monitoring of review recommendations relating to external agencies and partnership during the year keeps issues and progress transparent. Impact of review recommendations made visible. b) Questioning and further exploration of an issue allows Members to decide whether scrutiny is appropriate, and whether to make recommendations to external

	<p>provider organisation), Health & Wellbeing Partnership (NHS)</p> <p>c) Scrutiny of LAA Indicators allows scrutiny to look at partnership working between Adult Services and external agencies (e.g voluntary & community sector).</p>	<p>(Health) to provide assurances about new services.</p> <p>c) Invitation to external agencies where appropriate provide additional assurances about service coverage and development)</p>	<p>agencies.</p> <p>c) Other agency co-operation with Members role as critical friend</p>
Dealing with other topics	<p>a) The progress of the Local Involvement Network (LINK) in Hampshire</p>	<p>a) LINK Chairman has a standing invitation to the Select Committee. Chairman attended June 2009 meeting to update the Committee on its annual report.</p>	<p>a) Good working relationship with the LINK, sharing of work-programmes highlights best practice and reduces duplication.</p>