

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Adult and Community PDS Committee

Date: 14th April 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: ADULT AND COMMUNITY PDS WORK PROGRAMME
2010/2011

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to review its work programme and make any necessary adjustments.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider its work programme and schedule of meetings and indicate any changes that it wishes to make.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. As part of the Excellent Council stream within Building a Better Bromley, PDS Committees should plan and prioritise their workload to achieve the most effective outcomes.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £476,706 (2009/10)
 5. Source of funding: Existing budgets
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 14 posts in the Democratic Services Team (11.89 fte, of which 10 fte are dedicated to committee support).
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Maintaining the Committee's work programme takes less than an hour per meeting.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for Members of this Committee to use in controlling their on-going work.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Committee's 2009/10 Work Programme to date is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked at each meeting to consider its Work Programme and review its workload in accordance with the process outlined at Section 7 of the Scrutiny Toolkit. All PDS Committees are also recommended to monitor the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for their portfolios and to use it for identifying issues for consideration in advance of executive decisions being made. The Forward Plan issued on 18th March 2010 includes key decisions related to the Adult and Community Portfolio and the next Forward Plan will be published on 16th April 2010.
- 3.3 The Committee has established a reference group to review Transportation issues across the Adult and Community Portfolio. The proposed terms of reference for the group are:
- 1) To identify the current transport arrangements provided by the Council to support people with independent living. This will include scrutiny of:
 - The range of current services provided by the Council, e.g. ACS transport fleet services, black taxi card service, disabled freedom pass service etc.;
 - The quality of services (i.e. reliability, flexibility availability);
 - Cost effectiveness of service (i.e. unit costs comparisons, value for money etc).
 - 2) To consider the future travel requirements of people requiring council support, in line with "Supporting Independence in Bromley" this will include scrutiny of :
 - Future projected demands (including numbers as well as well as changing expectations)
 - Any planned developments for travel arrangements within the Council and also key partner's e.g. health, and 3rd sector;
 - The future use and impact of direct payments/personal budgets to meet service user choices for travel arrangements;
 - Accessibility of mainstream transport services for vulnerable people.
 - 3) In the light of the above, consider and review the funding of future travel arrangements for vulnerable people as part of the wider agenda of Supporting Independence in Bromley.

The following Members are part of the reference group: Councillor Ellis, Councillor Charsley, Leslie Marks and Maureen Falloon.

- 3.4 The NHS Healthcheck Working Group will continue to review health services across the Borough. The current membership of the Working Group is: **Councillor Judi Ellis, Councillor Carol Hubbard, Councillor Charles Rideout and Councillor Brenda Thompson**. The Working Group will hold its first meeting of the year on 11th November.
- 3.5 In approving the work programme Members will need to be satisfied that priority issues are being addressed; that there is an appropriate balance between the Committee's key roles of (i) holding the Executive to account, (ii) policy development and review, and (iii) external scrutiny of local health services; and that the programme is realistic in terms of Member time and officer support capacity.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Previous work programme reports

A&C PDS Committee – Work Programme 2010/2011**22 June 2010**

Appointment and Review of Co-opted Members
Supporting Independence in Bromley Update
Review of Allocations Policy and Housing Register Banding
Annual Monitoring Report on Adult & Community Services - Complaints 09/10
Housing and Residential Services 2009/10 Annual Report
Review of Carers Strategy
Matters Arising/Work Programme

27 July 2010

Supporting Independence in Bromley Update
Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board 2009/10 Annual Report
Budget Monitoring 2010/11
Budget Closedown 2009/10
Matters Arising/Work Programme

21 September 2010

Supporting Independence in Bromley Update
Bromley PCT: Update on Primary Care Developments
Budget Monitoring 2010/11
Matters Arising/Work Programme

2 November 2010

Supporting Independence in Bromley Update
Adult and Community Services Mid-year Performance Report
Housing and Residential Services Mid Year Performance Report
Draft Budget
Budget Monitoring 2010/11
Matters Arising/Work Programme

25 January 2011

Supporting Independence in Bromley Update
Contract Monitoring of Care Homes – Annual Report
Budget Monitoring 2010/11
Matters Arising/Work Programme

29 March 2011

Supporting Independence in Bromley Update
Draft Portfolio Plan
Budget Monitoring 2010/11
Matters Arising/Work Programme