

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA**  
**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE - 17 NOVEMBER 2010**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11**

This paper sets out the suggested areas for investigation as put forward by Councillors earlier this year. It invites the Committee to agree which topics to include in next year's Annual Scrutiny Programme.

**FOR DECISION**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Scrutiny Committees usually agree their work programme for the year at the September round of meetings. However, due to pending changes to the remits of the Housing, Environmental Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee, it was felt that work programme decisions relating to these Committees should be delayed until the changes were finalised.
- 1.2 The newly formed Health, Environmental Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee has, therefore, been asked to agree a work programme for 2010/11 at its meeting in November.
- 1.3 Earlier this year, Councillors and the public were invited to suggest topics for scrutiny in the coming year.

**2. POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR IN-DEPTH REVIEWS**

- 2.1 One in-depth review has been carried forward from 2009-10 from the former Housing, Environmental Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee. The report on Information and Advice for Self-Funders is presented elsewhere on this agenda.
- 2.2 The former Housing, Environmental Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee agreed a review of the Noise and Nuisance Service prior to the recent Scrutiny Committee restructure. This review will now fall under the Health, Environmental Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee's remit, should the Committee choose to take this forward.
- 2.3 Following consultation with Scrutiny Committee members, the following areas have been suggested as further potential topics for in-depth investigation in 2010/11:
  - a) Alcoholism and older people

- b) The development of St Charles Polyclinic
- c) The provision of healthcare at home for older people

**N.B.** If members wish to suggest additional areas, the Committee Chairman would appreciate being advised of these areas in advance of the meeting.

2.4 The following extract on review topic selection is taken from the Royal Borough Scrutiny Guide:

“In order to facilitate the process of selection, criteria for selecting topics for review have been agreed and include:

- a) the importance of the issue to the residents of the Royal Borough
- b) the availability of resources
- c) the timeliness of the issue
- d) the expected value added to the work of the Council by the review
- e) the need to obtain a balance of different types of reviews in the programme.

In taking a decision on which topics to take forward, each committee is advised to limit itself to two in-depth studies at any one time. The criteria should be applied systematically to **all** the topics that are nominated for review as part of the consultation process, including any that emerge after the programme has started. Once an Annual Programme is agreed, additional topics are added if and when circumstances require.”

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The Committee is invited to:

- decide which topic or topics should be taken forward for investigation in 2010/11;
- set up a working group on each of the agreed topics and nominate Members to those groups;
- give an indication, as far as possible, as to the proposed timescales for the review(s).

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