

Health Scrutiny Work Programme 2025/26

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Directorate	Council Values/Priorities	Format	Meeting Comments
9 October 2025 – Committee Meeting					
Terms of Reference	For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2025/26.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Constitutional Function.
	Outcomes: Members agreed the terms of reference for the 2025/26 municipal year.				
Work Programme	For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2025/26.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Draft work programme delegated to each scrutiny committee by SMB on 19 June 2025.
	Outcomes: Members agreed the work programme for the 2025/26 municipal year. It was requested that an item be added for Age UK to attend a future meeting to provide the Committee with an update on the support provided to older people to live independently.				
Mental Health Strategy/Calm Cafes	For the Committee to review the current provisions for mental health support across the Borough for children, young people and adults.	Adult Social Care Public Health External	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item/Workshop	Continuation of previous years' work. Cross-cutting with members of CYP Scrutiny.
	Outcomes: Members received an update on the development of the borough's Mental Health Strategy, including emerging themes from consultation and the implications of the new Mental Health Bill. The presentation outlined next steps for consultation, approval, and implementation, with opportunities for Scrutiny Committee input. Members also received a briefing				



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	<p>on the Calm Café model, a community-based mental health support initiative offering non-clinical crisis intervention. The presentation covered service impact, user feedback, and future plans including expansion to support young adults and formal commissioning arrangements. Members requested that two workshops be arranged to help further inform and shape the strategy – one with a focus on adults mental health and one with a focus on children's mental health with Members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to be invited to attend.</p>				
<p>Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Veterans Health and Wellbeing Survey</p>	<p>For the Committee to receive an update on the findings of the recent Veterans Health and Wellbeing Survey.</p>	<p>Public Health External</p>	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	<p>Committee Agenda Item</p>	<p>New suggestion received for work programme.</p>
	<p>Outcomes: Members received an update from Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin on the Veterans Health Project, highlighting barriers veterans face in accessing health and social care. The presentation shared survey findings, personal testimonies, and next steps to improve recognition, access, and tailored support for veterans across services.</p>				



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11 December 2025 – Committee Meeting					
Review of actions following CQC inspection of Adult Social Care	For the Committee to monitor the progress of the action plan following the CQC assessment into Adult Social Care services.	Adult Social Care	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Recommendation from Cabinet for Scrutiny to have oversight and monitor progress of the action plan.
Outcomes:					
Age UK	For the Committee to receive an update on the support available to help older residents in the Borough to live independently, including access to benefits, practical assistance, and wellbeing services.	Public Health External	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for work programme.
Outcomes:					



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5 March 2026 – Committee Meeting					
NHS 10 Year Plan	For the Committee to receive an update on the proposals for the NHS 10 year plan and its impact on improving healthcare outcomes for residents.	Public Health External	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for work programme.
Outcomes:					



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30 April 2026 – Committee Meeting					
To be determined.					
	Outcomes:				



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To be scheduled					
Dentistry	For the Committee to receive an update on dental services and patient access.	Public Health External	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	Carried forward from 2024/25.
Outcomes:					
Pharmacy Needs Assessment	For the Committee to review the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) to assess if it reflects the needs of the local community.	Public Health External	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Workshop	New suggestion received for work programme.
Outcomes:					



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Primary Care – GP Access	For the Committee to receive an update on the work that has been undertaken with GP surgeries to improve GP access.	Public Health External	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Workshop	Recommendation from Health & Wellbeing Board.
Outcomes:					
Mental Health	For the Committee to review the current provisions for mental health support across the Borough for children, young people and adults	Adult Social Care Public Health External	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Workshop	Cross-cutting with members of CYP Scrutiny.
Outcomes:					

