

Subject: Health Committee Work Programme

Report to: Health Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 January 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out proposals for the Health Committee Work Programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees the proposals for the Health Committee work programme.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agrees to use its meeting on 15 March 2017 for a discussion on issues relating to mental health support for ex-offenders and people released from prison.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree the scope and terms of reference for the review of issues relating to this topic.**

3. Background

3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The Committee's calendar of meetings for 2016/17 was agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting on 13 May 2016. The remaining meeting slots for the Committee in 2016/17 are set out below:

15 March 2017	19 April 2017
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4.2 Provisional areas for further Committee work this year include:

- Mental health: The final session on mental health will be a meeting on mental health for ex-offenders (dates to be determined); and
- The Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy: the Committee will consider using a formal meeting slot to discuss matters relating to the revision of the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy, to

inform the Committee's response to the formal consultation.

- 4.3 The scope, approaches and timings for the work in these areas will be determined as the work programme evolves, and the Committee will consider detailed scoping proposals for any new investigation undertaken in separate reports. Evidence may be gathered through formal Committee meetings, informal briefings, site visits, rapporteur projects, engagement events or a combination of approaches.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Mayor of London's statutory responsibilities in relation to health matters, as set out in the Greater London Authority (GLA) Act 1999, are to develop a strategy which sets out "proposals and policies for promoting the reduction of health inequalities between persons living in Greater London". The GLA Act 1999 defines health inequalities as inequalities between persons living in Greater London "in respect of life expectancy or general state of health which are wholly or partly a result of differences in respect of general health determinants" and also goes on to define "health determinants". The Mayor of London has no statutory role in the commissioning of any health services or health service provision.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Any project related costs (eg transport costs arising from any site visits) will be met by the Scrutiny budget. There are no other direct financial implications to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None.
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