1. Summary

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

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee agrees the initial proposals for the Health Committee work programme;

2.2 That the Committee agrees to use its next meeting on 28 November to discuss Healthy Early Years activity in London and delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the scope of the discussion; and

2.3 That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree arrangements for any site visits, informal meetings or engagement activities before the Committee’s next formal meeting, including arrangements for the Committee’s event on workplace health on 24 October 2017.

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 2017/18 was agreed at the Assembly’s Annual Meeting on 3 May 2017. The Committee is scheduled to meet on:

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4.2 Initial priority areas identified by the Committee include:

- The Mayor’s Health Inequalities Strategy
- Eye health and sight loss
- Healthy Early Years
- Workplace health

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.

Delegations of authority

4.4 To facilitate project work in the period between this meeting and the Committee’s next formal meeting on 28 November, the Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, arrangements for any site visits, informal meetings or engagement activities before the Committee’s next formal meeting.

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 (e.g. 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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