

Subject: Health Committee Work Programme

Report to: Health Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 27 November 2018

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for the Health Committee work programme for the 2018/2019 Assembly year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee note the Health Committee's work programme.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agrees to use its next meeting slot on 10 January 2019 to discuss issues relating to organ donation for Black, Asian and other minority ethnic communities.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree arrangements for any site visits, informal meetings or engagement activities before the Committee's next formal meeting.**

3. Background

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

4. Issues for Consideration

Forthcoming work programme:

- 4.1 The Committee's calendar of meetings for 2018/19 was agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting on 10 May 2018. The Committee is scheduled to meet on the 10 January 2018 and 14 March 2018.
- 4.2 Initial priority areas identified by the Committee include:
- London Ambulance Service;
 - Social prescribing;
 - Blood and organ donation;
 - Delivery of the Health Inequalities Strategy; and

- Other issues of topical importance as decided by Committee Members

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 The Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, to agree 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:
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