



Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Julie Robinson	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 July 2022

Lancashire County Council – Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To advise the committee about the work of Lancashire County Council's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2** To update the committee about the recent changes to the scrutiny function at Lancashire County Council.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1** Councillors to be better informed about health and adult services scrutiny in Lancashire.
- 2.2** Improved provision of health and adult services in Wyre.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That Wyre's nominated representative on Lancashire County Council's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, currently Councillor Robinson, continues to feed back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at least once per year or more frequently if matters of particular significance for Wyre residents arise.
- 3.2** That the report be noted.

4. Background

- 4.1** There have been some changes to the scrutiny function at Lancashire County Council, which were agreed at the Annual Full Council meeting in May 2022.
- 4.2** In summary, the changes mainly relate to the disestablishment of the External and Internal Scrutiny Committees to be replaced by the Community, Cultural and Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee to better align to the Cabinet Member Portfolios.

- 4.3** The Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee has virtually remained the same with the exception of a title change and the removal of children's health.
- 4.4** Lancashire County Council have also established a Scrutiny Management Board responsible for the overall management, coordination and monitoring of Overview and Scrutiny, to ensure the general effectiveness and development of the county council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the benefit of the people of Lancashire.
- 4.5** Regarding Health Scrutiny, this had a title change to Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (again aligning to Cabinet Member Portfolios) which now also has responsibility for children's health.
- 4.6** The responsibility of the committee is to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, and to review and scrutinise county council Adult Services and Public Health.
- 4.7** In addition, the committee has a statutory responsibility for scrutiny of NHS proposals for a substantial development or variation relating to both adults and children's health in Lancashire. The full updated Terms of Reference is attached at appendix 1 of this report.
- 4.8** The membership of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee is twelve County Councillors, plus twelve non-voting co-opted members, nominated by the twelve district councils.
- 4.9** Councillor Julie Robinson is Wyre Council's nominated co-opted representative on this committee.
- 4.10** This committee also has an opposition deputy chair with County Councillor Lizzie Collinge (Labour) taking on that role.
- 4.11** The committee will meet every 6 weeks as opposed to monthly.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** Following the reorganisation of the committee, the first meeting is scheduled for 21 September 2022.
- 5.2** A further update about the work of the committee will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 12 months' time.
- 5.3** Councillor Robinson's membership of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee provides an opportunity for Wyre Council to be directly represented in the scrutiny of health services in Lancashire. It

also provides a channel for feedback to the council on any wider health issues that will have a particular impact on Wyre's residents.

Other risks/implications: checklist

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risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

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List of appendices

Appendix 1 – Lancashire County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committees updated Terms of Reference