

Health and Social Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Draft Annual Review 2025/26

Introduction

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission has continued to scrutinise areas of council services, and those services delivered by partners within its remit during the municipal year. The Commission has monitored delivery by the council's own Adult Social Care and Public Health service areas, as well as that of the Integrated Care Board, NHS partners, and independent partners.

Portfolio Holder Priorities

In November 2025 the Commission received a report on the priorities of Councillor Chambers, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health.

The Portfolio Holder advised that there were eight priorities for 2025/26:

1. Carers
2. Learning disability & autism
3. Older people
4. Access to adult social care
5. Mental health and Trauma Informed City
6. Reducing tobacco harm
7. Physical activity
8. Drug and alcohol recovery

The Commission's work programme has linked closely with the priorities of the Portfolio Holder.

Work Carried Out by the Commission

Financial Monitoring

The Commission continues to receive quarterly budget updates as part of the Council's wider revenue budget monitoring framework. The Public Health budget is presented to the Commission prior to it being included in the Revenue Budget Report that is presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for pre-decision scrutiny before being taken to Cabinet.

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In addition to the financial monitoring of internal budgets, the Commission receives information on external bodies, in particular the Integrated Care System and shared or commissioned budgets with the Health Service.

Internal Service and Stakeholder Engagement

The Commission monitors internal services on a regular basis via the quarterly service and partner updates. Senior staff advise the Commission of developments within their service areas, inviting the Commission to request further information and items to be included in the future work programme. The Hull Place Director also delivers a quarterly update, providing information on developments within the Integrated Care Board.

The updates inform the members of the Commission of work taking place in the City, and resultant items are requested, and delivery monitored by the Commission.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny

The Commission has carried out pre-decision scrutiny on executive decisions, formulating comments and recommendations for consideration as part of the decision-making process. The decisions related to these reports have been taken by Hull City Council's Cabinet, by Leader Decision Record or by the Health and Care Partnership.

Decisions have included:

- Smoking Cessation Services Contract Award Under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR)
- Required Resources to Support the CQC Improvement Pla

Additional Reporting

Some reports and briefings did not fall within the previous categories. Other briefings received for information included:

- Autism Strategy
- Trauma Informed Hull
- Healthy weight update
- Session to explore suicide and suicide prevention in the city
- Humber Foundation Trust consultation - Redesign of adult inpatient services
- Tobacco and Vapes Bill update
- Vaccination and screening update
- Podiatry service
- Air quality report (April 2026)

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Following a Council motion around suicide awareness a network meeting focused on suicide prevention was scheduled in March, which was yet to be held at the time of publication.

Informal Workshops

Following a motion agreed by Full Council a referral was made to the Commission recommending a piece of work take place around support for parents of child bereavement. Preparation for an informal workshop is ongoing with partners and is scheduled to meet in spring.

Future Work Programme

At the start of the new municipal year the Commission will start to shape and develop its work programme for 2025/26, focusing on priority areas. Some of the Commission's priorities will be dictated by the Portfolio Holder's priorities.

However, it is anticipated that the Commission will continue to receive the regular updates from Adult Social Care, Public Health and the Integrated Care Board, along with the quarterly revenue monitoring reports. These regular updates inform the Commission of work taking place and the budgetary position, and information can be used to further populate the Work Programme.

In addition, there are some items that have already been requested as a result of the work of the Commission in 2025-26. These include:

Standing Items

- Partnership updates – Integrated Care Board, Integrated Care System, Public Health, and Adult Social Care
- Public Health Directorate – Quarterly revenue monitoring
- Adult Social Care Quarterly position statement – quarterly
- Adult Social Care Local Account
- Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health
- Performance of Public Health Services for Children and Young People in Hull
- Healthwatch update
- Better Care Fund

Additional items

- Care Provider Quality Annual Report 2025
- ASC Digital Strategy

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- Prevention Market Position Statement and funding for Voluntary and Community Sector
- Health Protection Annual Report
- Suicide Prevention and Support Framework
- Winter Plan 2025-26
- Hull Alliance on Tobacco Control Update
- Residential Care Re-commissioning
- Direct Payments infrastructure

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