

People and Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

July 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Performance Dashboard	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis.	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Birth to Settled Adulthood – Independent Chair’s Annual Report	To review the report of the Independent Chair.	Cecilia Bufton – Independent Chair, Birth to Settled Adulthood Delivery Board	
Ofsted Action Plan	To review the outcome and recommendations from the recent Ofsted inspection.	Paul Dempsey – Executive Director, People - Children Cllr Clare Sutton – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills	

Meeting Date: 22 September 2025

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Future Care Programme	To receive an update on a system-wide transformation programme to transform and improve urgent and emergency care services in Dorset. To review the emerging benefits and progress of the programme after its implementation.	Louise Ford – Strategic Health and Adult Social Care Integration Lead Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	
Public Health Disaggregation	To review the new arrangements for public health in Dorset Council, following the disaggregation of Public Health Dorset.	Sam Crowe – Director of Public Health and Prevention Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	
Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024/25	To review the Annual Report and the effectiveness of the new arrangements for the Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership	Sunita Khattra-Hall – Corporate Director for Quality Assurance and Safeguarding Families Cllr Clare Sutton – Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	

Meeting Date: 26 November 2025

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Performance Dashboard	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager	

	to the committee work programme for further analysis.	Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Cost of Living Support	To review and monitor the progress of the council's cost of living support.	Laura Cornette – Business Partner for Communities and Partnerships Cllr Ryan Hope – Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement	

Meeting Date: 23 January 2026

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Performance Dashboard	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis.	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Strategy	To scrutinise the council's budget and medium-term financial plan for the year 2026-27	Aidan Dunn – Executive Director Corporate Development (Section 151 Officer)	

	To make any recommendations to Cabinet.	Cllr Simon Clifford – Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Strategy	

Meeting Date: 10 March 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Performance Dashboard	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis.	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Housing Strategy	To scrutinise and review the Housing Strategy.	Andrew Billany – Corporate Director for Housing Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	

Meeting Date: 1 April 2026

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Meeting Date: Unscheduled Committee Items

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Integrated Neighbourhood Teams			•
Better Care Fund		Sarah Sewell – Head of Commissioning for Older People, Home First and Market Access Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	•
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Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
May 2026	Annual NHS Quality Accounts		People & Health Scrutiny Committee	George Dare – Senior Democratic Services Officer	To provide a response to local NHS Trust Quality Accounts.
Quarterly	Review of the committee's performance and risk dashboards.	Informal Meeting	People & Health Scrutiny Committee	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager	Review of the dashboards to identify potential future areas for review by the committee.
12 May 2025	Educational Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)	Enquiry Day	Cllrs Coombs, Somper, Todd and Bolwell	Kath Saunders – Head of Locality and Strategy (North)	Decision to establish an enquiry day was made at the People & Health Scrutiny Committee on 24 October 2024.
TBC	Briefing by NHS Trusts for a subsidiary company.	Briefing	People & Health Scrutiny Committee		