

Item No:	Classification: OPEN	Date: 28 November 2011	Meeting Name: Health and Adult Social care scrutiny committee
Report Title:		Preparing for the scrutiny interview	
Ward(s) or Group affected:		All	
From:		Scrutiny project manager	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. The Cabinet member for health and adult social care: Cllr Dora Dixon - Fyle annual interview with the Health and Adult Social Care scrutiny sub committee is scheduled for 28 November 2011. The Cabinet member formal responsibilities are set out at Appendix A. Extracts from the Council plans are set out in Appendix B
2. Members of the committee have chosen 6 themes to structure the interview around
 - 1) Clinical Commissioning (one of our reviews)
 - 2) Southern Cross (one of our reviews)
 - 3) Ageing of Adults with Complex Needs (one of our reviews)
 - 4) Public Health Duties (which come over to the council as part of the Health & Social Care Bill)
 - 5) Southwark Health & Wellbeing Board.
 - 6) Older People and Personalisation
3. OSC agreed to use cabinet member interviews to raise performance questions based on the council plan. These will be incorporated into the themes. The Cabinet member's formal responsibilities are set out at Appendix A. Extracts from the Council plan are set out in Appendix B and Appendix C (Schedule C : Measures for Health and Adult Social Care, page 5).
- 4) The chair has requested that any specific performance targets for each theme are also reported on, particularly around Public Health. These are attached at Appendix D. (To follow)

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
Full council plan	160 Tooley St SE1 2TZ	Julie Timbrell

APPENDICES
Cabinet member for health and adult social care responsibilities
Extract from Council Plan - Health and Adult Social Care
Council Plan Portfolios (see schedule C for Cabinet member for health and adult social

care responsibilities)
Relevant performance targets (To follow)

The Cabinet member for health and adult social care responsibilities

To improve the health of the borough and to safeguard the needs of vulnerable adults, including health promotion, the provision of personal social services, services to older people, services to people with disabilities, services to those with HIV/AIDS and/or those with drug and alcohol problems, services to those with mental health needs and “supporting people”. The portfolio holder will work closely with the cabinet member for children’s services (with regard to children’s health), with the cabinet member for culture, leisure, sport and the Olympics (with regard to public health and healthy lifestyles) and the deputy leader (with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults).

The portfolio holder will have particular responsibility for:

- ensuring that the council delivers savings identified in the 2011/12 budget within health and adult social care
- developing the council’s new public health role and promoting healthy living
- delivering changes to adult social care, including personalisation to make the service sustainable
- overseeing the council’s response to the changes to the NHS being made by the Government’s Health and Social Care Bill
- ensuring that information for users of adult social services is accessible
- relationships with relevant voluntary organisations and helping the third sector in the area of health and adult social care to develop sustainable funding models which do not depend on shrinking council funds
- ensuring that health services are accessible to all and working to integrate services into regeneration schemes
- developing networks of community volunteer champions.

Extract from Council Plan

Health and Adult Social Care

1. Supporting people to live independent lives and encouraging more people to take control over their own care is fundamental to securing a fairer future for all. This is particularly so for those who rely on high quality health and social care. For the most vulnerable in our society we will also ensure there are sensible safeguards against the risk of abuse or neglect, striking the right balance between managing risk and promoting independence.
2. The scale of the budget cuts facing the Council has meant that tough choices have to be made across all services. But at the same time we pledged to reduce the price of meals on wheels by half. A phased reduction has begun and by 2014/15 hot and frozen meal charges will be half the 2010/11 price.
3. Our vision includes a strong focus on re-ablement services, which provide cost effective short term support to restore people's independence wherever possible. Where a longer term support service is required we aim to maximise people's choice and control through the provision of personal budgets.
4. We will shift the balance of care from residential provision to more effective support for people in their own homes, including the use of telecare technology and specialist equipment designed to efficiently promote people's independence and safety. Supported housing services have been extensively redesigned to secure greater value for money and deliver savings, forming an important part of the range of provision that promotes independence.
5. We will provide a dedicated telephone response for all queries about help for older and vulnerable people and their carers, including information about universal access and voluntary sector services. There will be enhanced focus on targeting services to better meet the needs of carers. Transforming day services will also allow a more personalised outcome focused approach.
6. We will deliver our Charter of Rights for all service users.
7. Partnership working with health services will remain a key priority, adapting to the changes occurring in the National Health Service in a way that builds upon our strong historic ties in this area. In particular we will continue to ensure people who receive both health and social care services do so in an integrated, seamless way. The Council may soon take on a new public health role including the promotion of healthy living, bringing together a range of responsibilities that effect local wellbeing. There will be a need to do things differently, working in partnership with community and voluntary organisations in a smarter and more efficient way.