



Briefing Report for members of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission – 15th October 2013

Agenda Item: External Review 'Fit for Purpose' Health Scrutiny by Expert Advisor (Brenda Cook) Centre for Public Scrutiny.

Purpose

This briefing report updates members of the commission on the progress made in relation to this review.

The Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission have engaged the Centre for Public Scrutiny, Expert Advisor (Brenda Cook) to carry out a 'Fit for Purpose' Review of the Health Scrutiny Arrangement at Leicester City Council.

The draft Action Plan for the review includes:

- 1) To facilitate private session on work programme planning on 18th September 2013 (***Briefing Notes from this session are attached at Appendix 1***)
- 2) 360 degrees feedback from stakeholders
- 3) Review on how the commission works
- 4) Training and development needs assessment
- 5) Review report and recommendations

The proposed Timeline for the review

The review to start in September 2013. Review to aim for a final report at the end of December 2013.

The Objectives/Outcomes of the project includes:

- 1) To provide direction and guidance for developing Health Scrutiny in Leicester.

- 2) To review the steps being taken to implement the lessons of the Francis report by those NHS organisations serving Leicester residents.
- 3) To recommend relevant changes to the Health Scrutiny Commission practices in light of the Francis Inquiry.
- 4) To carry out a 'fit for purpose' exercise for the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission.
- 5) To provide expert advice and guidance for Health Scrutiny Commission members to carry out their functions e.g. through workshops and tailored training sessions.
- 6) To identify the training, skills and development needs of Health Scrutiny Commission members.

Future Work Programme Planning

The briefing notes from the private session on 18th September, as ATT, will enable members to effectively plan the future work of the commission.

The commission will continue to receive updates on the progress of this review at future meetings.

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