

# **REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	8 November 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Scrutiny Review of Health Visiting in Harrow - Draft Scope
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Andrew Howe, Director of Public Health
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member area:</b>	Councillor Chris Mote ( Community, Health and Wellbeing – Policy Lead) Councillor Mrs Chika Amadi ( Community, Health and Wellbeing – Performance Lead)
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Draft scope for Scrutiny Review of Health Visiting in Harrow (Appendix 1)

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report sets out the draft scope for the scrutiny review of the Health Visiting service in Harrow

### **Recommendations:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- Consider and agree the scope for the review.
- Provide a steer in respect of any further membership of the review group (including potential co-option) and the chairing arrangements for the review.
- Agree upon the timing of the scrutiny review.

## **Section 2 – Report**

The Scrutiny Leadership Group asked that a scrutiny review of health visiting in Harrow form part of the scrutiny work programme for 2016/2017.

The attached draft scope for this review sets out the potential parameters of this review following the initial discussions at the Scrutiny Leadership Group.

It would be a timely review as the current contract for health visiting which was transferred from NHS England to local authorities on 1 October 2015 cannot be extended beyond 30 December 2017. There is a need for a new contract and a new specification to be effective from 1 January 2018 and a report is being taken to Cabinet on 17 November 2016 to request approval for starting this process.

This review is a chance for members to have input to this specification as well as to understand the demands and constraints on the current service, how it fits with other council and local services, how the service is structured in other boroughs, and what the national context is.

Timescales are quite tight in order to be able to have input into this process. The tendering timelines will need to begin in April 2017.

Health Visiting is a service that is on the frontline for families. It is a both a universal service that all mothers, parents and children under five have access to, as well as being a service that supports those in greater need, on whom the local authority currently spends almost £3m per year.

The Scrutiny Leadership Group is recommending that Councillor Janet Mote should chair this review. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked for recommendations regarding the further membership of the review group. It would be useful if some of the members had daytime availability in order to be able to work-shadow health visitors and attend the day-time clinics, for example. The Committee might also like to consider who, if anyone, might be invited to take part in the review as a co-optee; for example, representatives of the CCG, service users or Healthwatch.

### **Financial Implications**

The costs of delivering this project will be met from within existing resources.

### **Performance Issues**

There is no specific performance issues associated with this report.

### **Environmental Impact**

There is no specific environmental impact associated with this report.

### **Risk Management Implications**

There are none specific to this report.

### **Equalities Implications**

The review will consider during the course of its work, how equality implications have been taken into account in current policy and practice and consider the possible implications of any changes it recommends.

### **Council Priorities**

The Council has a commitment to enabling children to “Start Well” so that “children from the womb to adulthood [can] be safe, happy and have every opportunity to reach their full potential.”

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	N/A
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## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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### **Background Papers:**

Scope for the Scrutiny Review of Health Visiting in Harrow