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**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report highlights the new remit for the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (formerly the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee) and the development of new ways of working.
- 1.2 It has been determined that there is a need for Scrutiny to be forward looking, giving a strong sense of direction of work for the Committee, including the identification of key topics, following the customer journey, and producing fewer but more detailed reviews which identify positive outcomes to improve the lives of Shropshire residents.
- 1.3 Alongside this new approach the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee will also have regard to any statutory duties as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to note the proposals for the future work of the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (formerly the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee).

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3.0 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 There are no direct risks or equality issues associated with the paper.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report.

5.0 Background

5.1 A Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group undertook a detailed review of scrutiny arrangements and made a number of recommendations, which were accepted by Council on 18 April 2013.

5.2 The proposals for the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee are summarised in the table below:

Current Committee Title	New Committee Title	New Committee Remit	Linked Portfolio Holder
Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Adult Services – Transformation & Safeguarding 	<p>Cllr Karen Calder</p> <p>Cllr Tim Barker</p>

5.3 As well as recommending changes to the names and remits of Scrutiny Committees, the Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group further recommended:

- That continued use be made of the Task and Finish style of working as an accepted method of positive engagement between Members, Officers and those outside the Council.
- That the Select Committee style of meeting should be the default except where it would not be appropriate or constructive. It will also be important that provision is made for those who receive the services to give evidence in private should that be considered necessary.
- That all contracts for the commissioning of future services need to include the requirement for the service providers to be available for scrutiny as much as the Council may require.

5.4 The Task and Finish Group recommended that all Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes be considered fully by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee at each meeting to improve transparency of decision making.

6.0 Additional Information

- 6.1 The Committee will be holding an informal meeting on 29 July 2013 to receive an overview of service provision, including priorities for the future, from commissioners and service providers. Practical workshop exercises will be held at this meeting to enhance Members' understanding of a patient centric approach to health and adult social care provision.
- 6.2 It is intended that this piece of work will identify pressure points and blockages in the system, and highlight priority areas of work for the Committee to consider and develop into its future ways of working.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p> <p>Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group report to Council, 18 April 2013</p> <p>Scrutiny Report to Council, 18 July 2013</p>
<p>Cabinet Members (Portfolio Holders)</p> <p>Councillor Tim Barker</p> <p>Councillor Karen Calder</p>
<p>Local Member</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Appendices</p> <p>None</p>