

**APPENDIX 1 – Vulnerable Adults, Health and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme 2023 /24 Municipal Year**

Vulnerable Adults, Health and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee					
Responsible Cabinet Member (who will be at the meeting)	Subject	Type of item 10. Pre-decision scrutiny 11. Post-decision scrutiny 12. General 'assurance'	Description (what is the issue/purpose of the item)	Timetable	
				Overall timetable for the work	Committee date
Cllr Sanquest	Equalities Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny	<p>Access to services, Equality Impact Assessments, socio-economic duties and 2035 are all part of the fairer Westminster equality strategy that is currently being drawn up to find a new way of working with our communities.</p> <p>The Equalities Strategy is still in its germinal stages and the cttee will focus on the recommendations on the shape of the strategy.</p>	The ongoing corporate Equality Diversity and Inclusion strategy and community engagement strategy can still be shaped. Co-production will begin in the coming weeks with the Communities team and will be able to bring the recommendations from that co-production in December.	18 January 2024
Cllr Butler-Thalassis	Adult Social Care Annual Safeguarding Report	General 'assurance'	This is an annual review of local safeguarding arrangements which scrutiny should consider with a possible view to making recommendations for improvement or identifying areas for further scrutiny investigation.	Annual review	18 January 2024
To note an update on the CQC inspections.					18 January 24
JOINT: Cllr Less Cllr Begum	Community Hubs	Pre-decision scrutiny	The project now has a dedicated project lead who led a similar project for Redbridge council and is working towards a new scheme for Westminster. It might be good to give an update and receive steers in the new direction it heads. Scrutiny could also provide input to the Estate	Germinal stages, reviewing the work that has been done and choosing the way through it. Estate Office openings: Bayswater Children's Centre due to be opened Dec 2023	12 March 2024

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			Office openings and place emphasis on links to health services.	and Soho Housing Office due to open in 2025.	
Cllr Butler-Thalassis	Carers' Pay	Post-decision scrutiny	Consider the local carer employment market and the issues associated with carer pay in Westminster. For those with block contracts/ direct payments, there could be a consideration to top up the pay of carers to account for travel time. This item links with Cost of Living and equity (lots of carers are WCC residents, many Global Majority). There could be scrutiny around how the figures have been reached, how we ensure carers receive it and that it doesn't increase costs for those receiving care. There is also the option to look later on at how the funding is continued long-term (currently using NHS Workforce Sustainability funding).	Aiming for implementation Dec 2023	12 March 2024
Verbal update on the WCC/ RBKC JHOSC.					12 March 24