

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 23rd February, 2021

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Scrutiny Topic – 2021/22

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with a draft Topic Brief (attached) for the 2021/22 Scrutiny Review looking at local implementation of the recommendations from the North West Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (NWADASS) Elected Member Commission report into ‘The impact of Covid-19 on People with Care and Support Needs, their Families, Carers and Communities’.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

- i) The draft Topic Brief is approved as reflective of the lines of enquiry the Board wish to pursue;**
- ii) Members consider their availability for involvement in the Scrutiny Group.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 A NWADASS Elected Member Commission was established to investigate the impact of Covid-19 on adults aged 18+, their families and communities and what this tells us about the role communities play in supporting people to live independently at home.

3.2 The report of the Commission (available on the NWADASS website via the link provided within the Topic Brief) sets out a number of recommendations for councils that look beyond the pandemic at how the learning can shape future service design.

3.3 The Scrutiny Review will look at these recommendations more closely and consider how they should be implemented locally.

3.4 The draft Topic Brief is presented for Board approval. The Scrutiny Review will commence in March 2021 with a final report and recommendations being presented at the Health PPB in June 2021.

3.5 Members are requested to consider their involvement in the Scrutiny Review Group and their commitment to the meetings which are to be scheduled.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

This scrutiny topic links to the healthy Halton priority, as set out in the topic brief attached.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The role of scrutiny within Adult Social Care is a key function to ensure transparency, accountability and consistency within all areas and make sure that the residents of Halton have the best outcomes possible.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None identified.