

Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17 March 2026

Subject: Work Programme for the 2025/26 Municipal Year and
Draft Work Programme for the 2026/27 Municipal Year

Report of: Chair/Jenny Hollamby, Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer, GMCA

Purpose of Report

Appendix 1 sets out the draft 2026/27 Work Programme. Even without additional items, the schedule is already busy and will require careful prioritisation. The draft aligns with the 2025/26 programme, retaining the same structure, monthly cycle and core scrutiny themes, and carrying forward items such as Individual Funding Requests (IFRs), Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise sector (VCSFE), alongside Paediatric Audiology and Major Trauma. It also incorporates the pipeline of topics previously identified for future inclusion, including VCSFE involvement, Sustainability Plans and Elective Care.

Appendix 2 lists the items transferred from the 2025/26 Work Programme, along with those agreed at the meeting held on 17 February 2026. Members may also wish to consider holding Deep Dive sessions outside the main meeting, with recordings uploaded for transparency. It is suggested that Officers undertake an online poll to help determine agenda item preferences ahead of the April 2026 planning session focused on population health data and inequalities as requested by the Chair at the last meeting. An induction session, including the VCSFE sector, is proposed for 9.30 am in person prior to the Annual Meeting taking place in June 2026 (TBC).

Appendix 3 lists the items considered in 2025/26.

Members are requested to note the items that will be considered at the Annual Meeting in June 2026:

1. Annual Meeting Business (Appointment of Chair, confirmation of Membership, Terms of Reference). CONFIRMED.
2. Preparedness Post Winter (Outcomes and Lessons Learned) (Gill Baker, Lynne Duxbury) CONFIRMED.
3. Individual Funding Requests (Deferred from 17.3.26) (Sara Roscoe, Zubair Iqbal) CONFIRMED.
4. Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2025/26 (Chair/Jenny Hollamby) CONFIRMED.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

1. Comment on the Draft Work Programme 2026/27.
2. Note the reports that will be considered at the June 2026 Annual Meeting.
3. Take part in a Members and Officers online poll to help determine agenda item preferences ahead of an April 2026 planning session focused on population health data and inequalities as requested by the Chair at the last meeting.
4. That the Annual Meeting in June 2026 will commence with a 30-minute Induction session at 9.30 am in person prior to the meeting, including the VCSFE sector.

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