

<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE</b> Proposal to form a scrutiny panel to investigate health screening and ill-health prevention take-up	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b>  The paper sets out the proposed terms of reference for a potential Health and Adult Social Care scrutiny panel as requested by the Chair of that Scrutiny Committee. The purpose of the Panel would be to investigate available screening and prevention programmes in Camden to determine which programmes should be prioritised, create an understanding of the barriers to up-take and develop recommendations for how to improve up-take in Camden.  <b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b> No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report  <b>Contact Officer:</b> James Fox Senior Policy and Projects Officer Supporting People Strategy London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG <a href="mailto:James.fox@camden.gov.uk">James.fox@camden.gov.uk</a> 02079745827	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>  <b>Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) agree a scrutiny panel to be set up, in line with the terms of reference and membership in Appendix A, to investigate health screening and ill-health prevention take-up</li> </ol>	

Signed: 

Councillor Lorraine Revah, Chair Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This paper sets out proposed terms of reference for a potential Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) scrutiny panel as requested by the Chair of that Scrutiny Committee. The purpose of the Panel would be to investigate available screening and prevention programmes in Camden to determine which programmes should be prioritised, create an enhanced understanding of the barriers to up-take and facilitate the development of recommendations for how to improve up-take in Camden.
- 1.2 Scrutiny panels are not formal committees of the Council and have no decision-making powers. It would be expected that the panel would report back to the HASC Scrutiny Committee with its findings and/or recommendations for the Committee to consider. There is scope for recommendations to be forwarded to relevant Cabinet Members.

## **2 Options**

- 2.1 There are two main options available to the Committee:
  - a) To elect not to set up a panel after reading this report; or to
  - b) Set up the panel in line with the terms of reference in **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 The Committee is permitted to suggest amendments to the proposed Terms of Reference.

## **3 Purpose of the Panel**

- 3.1 In Camden since the pandemic, health screening and ill-health prevention programmes such as cervical, breast and colon cancer screening, plus the NHS free circulatory and vascular health checks for 40-74 year olds, non-Covid vaccinations and other programmes have not yet fully resumed and are not reaching enough target participants.

## **4 Finance comments**

- 4.1 There are no direct additional financial costs in the context of this report, however it should be noted that there may be an implication for officer and provider workloads in supporting the panel enquiries. Any recommendations from this panel will need to be considered in the context of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

## **5 Legal comments**

- 5.1 The Borough Solicitor has been consulted and has no comments to add to this report.

## **6 Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 The proposals in this report have no environmental impacts.

## **7 Appendices**

### **7.1 Appendix A: Screening and Prevention Panel Terms of Reference**

**REPORT ENDS**

## **Appendix A – Screening and Prevention Panel Terms of Reference**

### **1. Proposal**

- The Committee has proposed to set up a working party named as “The Screening and Prevention Scrutiny Panel” to complete a piece of time limited work i.e. a ‘Task’.
- The task for the panel will be to investigate the barriers to uptake of screening and prevention services in Camden; and to make recommendations to officers or to the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

### **2. Panel Membership and Chairing**

- The makeup of the panel should be proportional to the political makeup of the Council. This panel membership will consist of three Councillors. The Chair of this panel will be Cllr Anna Burrage.
  - The membership of the panel comprises the following scrutiny committee members:
    - *Councillor Anna Burrage (Chair of Panel)*
    - *Councillor Judy Dixey*
    - *Councillor Sylvia McNamara (co-opted from Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee – Cllr McNamara has been co-opted due to her past experience of Chairing a panel and experience as a scrutiny committee member)*
  - Panel members may wish to co-opt an external expert(s) onto the panel if members consider additional expertise is required. This could be a representative from one of Camden’s partner organisations, or a resident who is an expert by experience.
  - The Chair of the panel will be responsible for ensuring the panel’s report reflects a consensus view of the Panel, or a majority view. The Chair will present the final report to Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) Scrutiny Committee and ask that it is formally adopted by the Committee. The Chair will ask Cabinet members to formally submit their response to a future meeting of the Committee.
- ### **3. Key Lines of Enquiry**
- The panel will aim to gain evidence by using some key lines of enquiry (KLOEs). These KLOEs will be around overarching questions in relation screening in Camden.
    - What are the barriers to up-take of screening and prevention services?

- What approaches have proved most effective and therefore should be prioritised?
  - What learning can be applied to Camden from successful approaches from other Local Authorities?
- The Panel will test the hypothesis by reviewing available Camden Public Health data on existing programmes and past and current up-take of screening services. The study will seek to enhance rather than duplicate work already carried out by Council and partner services.
  - A literature review will be conducted pertaining to efficacy of UK-wide screening and prevention initiatives to see if learnings can be gleaned from other local authorities.
  - The evidence gathered from a wide range of stakeholders and practitioners will come from a structured programme of interviews to help answer the questions above. These will include:
    - A session of interviews with Public Health officials
    - A session of interviews with Camden Healthwatch
    - A session of Interviews with Primary Care
    - A session of interviews with local NHS Trusts
    - A session of interviews with patient consultation groups

#### 4. Timeline

- Below is the proposed meeting schedule for the Scrutiny Panel:

<b>When</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
10 July 2023	HASC scrutiny committee propose to set up a panel, and seek agreement to the panel
July 2023 (TBC)	Panel meeting 1: to establish work programme and understand baseline data in Camden
July - August 2023	Conduct Literature Review
August 2023	A session of interviews with Public Health Officials
August 2023	A session of interviews with Primary Care
August – September 2023	A session of interviews with NHS health trusts
September 2023	A session of interviews with patient consultation groups
September 2023	A session of interviews with Healthwatch Camden
October 2023	Panel meeting 2: to consider evidence from previous sessions, and discuss findings, recommendations, and interim report

18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Interim report to be presented to the HASC scrutiny committee
June 2024	Panel meeting 3: to agree the final report.
July 2024	Present final report to the HASC Scrutiny Committee

- With so many meeting dates still to be confirmed the timeline may change slightly, though the same process will be followed.

## 5. Code of conduct

- The panel will agree to be bound by the Council's code of conduct and the HASC Scrutiny committee's [terms of reference](#). More information can be found about scrutiny and the committee procedure rules for the conduct of scrutiny meetings in the [Constitution](#)
- The panel agrees to work to the mandated task and work programme set out above and report to the HASC Scrutiny Committee its findings and recommendations within the agreed deadlines. Any proposed changes to these deadlines must be agreed by the Committee.

## 6. Support for the panel

- Clerking support will be provided and will consist of the minuting of meetings and support with collating relevant papers for formal panel meetings.
- Additional policy support will be provided to assist with the preparation of evidence and drafting of reports and recommendations, as required.