



Committee and Date

Health Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Monday 26 January 2026

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2025

**In The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ
10.00 am**

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Present

Councillor Rosie Radford (Chair)

Councillors Dawn Husemann (Vice-Chair), Mandy Duncan, Christopher Lemon,
Chris Naylor, Wendy Owen, Colin Stanford, Teri Trickett and Adam Fejfer

6 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received although it was noted that Councillor Vicky Moore was absent.

7 Disclosable Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

8 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 27 January 2025 and 22 May 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

9 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

10 Members Question Time

There were no members' questions.

11 Health in All Policies

The Executive Director for Public Health presented the report to the committee, together with a presentation to highlight the council-wide application of Health in all policies, the rationale for embedding health considerations in all policy areas, and the processes for impact assessment.

She explained that the 'Health in All Policies' approach was designed to ensure health and wellbeing were considered in all council decisions, focusing on minimising negative impacts and maximising positive outcomes, particularly for vulnerable groups.

Members noted that the report was a position statement to update on progress and process. Next steps could include focusing on areas like housing and planning, and members were encouraged to bring specific topics back for further discussion after the upcoming training being run by the LGA.

It was confirmed that the training was free of charge and would include case studies and lessons from other counties. Training materials and notes from the session would be made available to all members.

Members agreed to delegate authority to the Chair and Vice Chair to set up task and finish groups as needed to enable timely scrutiny.

The Executive Director for Public Health agreed to circulate return on investment information and clarification of the thresholds in relation to HiAP.

Members noted the report and the recommendations contained therein.

12 Update from the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer provided an update on the Joint HOSC's recent activities, including scrutiny of NHS service changes, digital exclusion, rural access, and winter preparedness, with committee members highlighting ongoing challenges and the importance of including Healthwatch and voluntary sector perspectives.

13 Update from the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Executive Director of Public Health and the Portfolio Holder for Health summarised the latest Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, which covered winter preparedness, vaccination uptake, cost of living support, frailty strategy, Better Care Fund, and the publication of the annual health and wellbeing report, with emphasis on targeted interventions and partnership working.

14 Work Programme

Members discussed the initial priorities for scrutiny include planning (especially health in planning policies), housing, digital inclusion/exclusion, and access to NHS dentistry, with the committee agreeing to revisit out-of-hours services after six months of operation.

It was agreed to provide an all-member briefing on Healthwatch's role, and the committee discussed the value of gathering case studies and lived experiences, particularly regarding transport and access to health services.

Members noted that the review of new out of hours services was being managed by the Joint HOSC, with a formal review planned for April after collecting user experiences over the winter.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer proposed scheduling informal meetings after the LGA training to refine priorities and set up task and finish groups, with members encouraged to provide feedback and suggest additional topics as needed.

15 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 26 January 2026.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: