

Title of Report:	Healthier Select Committee Update
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	2 November 2010

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the work of the Healthier Select Committee.

Recommended Action: To note for information.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Healthier Select Committee (HSC) has met twice recently on 9th September and 12th October.
- 1.2 The NHS Berkshire West proposal to close the GP branch surgery at Underwood Road, Calcot was considered at the September meeting. Members considered the rationale for closure and the potential impact on patients. Overall Members voted to support the position of the NHS Berkshire West.
- 1.3 At the last meeting Members considered the Council's approach to tackling family poverty within the District. Members wished to revisit progress on this topic when a Needs Assessment Tool had been developed.
- 1.4 A briefing regarding 'Care for the Future', a developing vision of healthcare for Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, also was considered at the last meeting. Detailed comments were made which will be submitted as part of the current consultation process.

2. Work Programme

- 2.1 The latest work programme for the Select Committee is contained within Appendix A of Item 19 of this agenda.
- 2.2 The Select Committee was concerned about reports of increased numbers of patients being delayed from leaving hospital ('bed-blocking') due to a shortage of social care placements being available. It was felt this issue needed to be priority on the work programme. It is therefore asked that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission approve this new work programme item and allow for this to be scrutinised at the next scheduled meeting.

Appendices

Appendix A – Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Healthier Select Committee held on 9th September.

Appendix B – Minutes of the Healthier Select Committee meeting held on 12th October 2010.