
ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved work programme.

Summary

2. Members will recall that, at previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas where this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been, and is currently being, undertaken in relation to some of these areas of work is still due to commence on others.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the work programme.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee and Terms of Reference have previously been approved. The status of each of those areas is detailed in the table below :-

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Welfare Reforms Review Group	To consider the future planned reforms and their impact on affected residents.	Task and Finish Review Group established. Initial work undertaken but work now to be included as part of wider Welfare Reform Proposals.
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	To provide Members with an overview of the Safeguarding Adults Board and its functions and to also examine the roles and responsibilities of Darlington Borough Council.	Satisfied with the arrangements in place. Some further work to be undertaken through a Task and Finish Review. Work completed in relation to Nutrition and Hydration in Care Homes. Work completed in relation to medication in Care Homes Mental Health Services to commence.
Telehealthcare	To explore the current benefits of telehealthcare.	Deferred at this time
Multi Agency Safeguarding	To advise Members of the establishment of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Unit and its work	The Head of Review and Development Safeguarding and Police representative attend a future meeting.
Young Carers and transition to Adult Carers		Review Group established by Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – two Members from this

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		<p>Scrutiny Committee appointed to represent it.</p> <p>Initial meeting held in June 2014. Monitoring of the action plan to be undertaken in six months' time.</p>
Medium Term Financial Plan	To monitor progress on the delivery of proposals under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee	<p>Lifeline Project Review – Final report to be submitted to Cabinet December 2014</p> <p>Adult Social Services – progress report on work to achieve proposed savings be programmed for a future meeting.</p> <p>RIACT/Multi-Disciplinary Teams, to include update on the GP, Community Matrons and Social Workers alignment project</p>
Housing Revenue Account	To formulate a response to Cabinet on its proposals in relation to the revenue budget, rent levels and service charges for the Council's Housing Revenue Account of the financial year 2015/16	Report elsewhere on this agenda
Capital Programme	To formulate a response to Cabinet on its proposed Capital Programme for 2015/16	Report elsewhere on this agenda.
Sustainable Community Strategy	To enable Members to be updated on the revised Draft Sustainable Community Strategy	Strategy approved – Further monitoring of outcomes to be programmed in conjunction with the Performance Management Information item.

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Performance Management Update	To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management framework.	Quarter 2 Performance Clinic information elsewhere on this agenda
Better Care Fund	To provide Members with an update on the Better Care Fund bid	Bid submitted - update to be programmed
Co-Production	To provide Members with an update on the work being undertaken	Programmed for the 3 rd February, 2015 meeting
County Durham and Darlington Dementia Strategy	<p>To monitor the progress in relation to the implementation of the Dementia Strategy for County Durham and Darlington.</p> <p>To look at the operational element</p>	<p>Item elsewhere on this agenda.</p> <p>Representative of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust to attend meeting in February 2015</p>
The Care Act	To provide Members with an update on recent developments.	<p>Future role of Scrutiny to be discussed and programmed onto work programme.</p> <p>Initial proposals for Scrutiny to look at the Developing the Workforce work stream and the funding implications. Task and Finish Review Group to be established to meet in January 2015</p>
Voids	To receive a report on the work undertaken by the Tenants Panel	Item elsewhere on this agenda
Strategic Review of Homeless Services	To update Members as to the outcome of the strategic review of homeless services	Item elsewhere on this agenda
Homelessness Services Review	To receive a report on the way that the Council deals	Item elsewhere on this agenda

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	with homelessness and its performance in delivering these services.	

Forward Plan and Additional Items

5. Members are also requested to consider Cabinet's Forward Plan, which is available on the Council's website, to assist in determining any further items which they might wish to include on their work programme.
6. If, during the course of the year, Members wish to add any topics to the work programme, a Quad of Aims will need to be developed and submitted prior to the item being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.