
**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 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.	<p>Satisfied with the arrangements in place. Some further work to be undertaken through a Task and Finish Review.</p> <p>Task and Review Group meetings on-going and work programme to be developed for next 12 months.</p> <p>Work to be commenced in relation to medication in Care Homes and Mental Health Services.</p> <p>Dr Sawyer to be invited to a future meeting to update Members on the implementation of the revised GP arrangements in Care Homes.</p>
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	Visit arranged for 9 th November, 2103. Members to consider whether any further work required through a Task and Finish Review following the visit.

Housing Strategy Annual Monitoring Report	To brief Scrutiny of the Monitoring report and seek Members views	Item elsewhere on this agenda
Housing Business Plan	To provide Scrutiny with an overview of the Housing Services 30 Year Business Plan	Item scheduled for meeting on 7 th January, 2014
Young Carers and transition to Adult Carers		Review Group established by Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – two Members from this Scrutiny Committee appointed to represent it.
Visit to Kings Church	Visit to Kings Church to look at operation of Furniture Scheme and Food Store	Visit arranged for 7 th November, 2013. Members to consider whether any further work required through a Task and Finish Review following the visit.
Visit to FRADE	Visit to FRADE to look at operation of Furniture Scheme	Visit to be arranged
Adult Social Care – Peer Review	Update on Peer Review taking place from 19 th to 21 st November, 2013	Brief update elsewhere on this agenda. Report on outcome and findings to be submitted to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 7 th January, 2014.
Care Bill	To update Members on the current position in relation to the Bill	Brief update elsewhere on this agenda. Further updates to be provided as and when appropriate. May be appropriate for Task and Finish Review Groups to be established to look at particular elements of the Bill.

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.