
PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To note the areas of work to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2011/12.

Summary

2. The original Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee was considered on 5th November, 2011 and Terms of Reference for each of the proposed items were also approved. Members are now requested to reconsider that programme to accommodate any further issues and approve the Quad of Aims for the proposed Arts Review Group referred to at Minute P17(a)/Jan/12.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme.

Paul Wildsmith,
Director of Resources

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 implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
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 delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Healthy Darlington Theme Group.
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

Terms of Reference

4. At the last meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 5th November, 2011, Members agreed that the following topics be included on their previously approved work programme :-

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Civil Parking Enforcement	To understand the benefits and constraints of Civil Parking Enforcement followings its introduction.	To be considered by this Scrutiny Committee on 19th April, 2012.
Town Centre Fringe	To contribute to and influence the development of the Town Centre Fringe.	On today's agenda
Local Development Framework (LDF)	To contribute to and influence the development of the LDF including the Making Places and Accommodating Growth Development Plan Document (DPD); Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD); and Town Centre Fringe Area Action Plan (AAP).	Ongoing
Transformation Projects	To consider any Transformation Projects within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.	To be programmed
Medium Term Financial Plan	To contribute to and challenge the Medium Term Financial Plan and assist with the implementation and development of the required savings.	Recommendations forwarded to Special Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 26th January, 2012
Housing Strategy	To consult with relevant Committees on the emerging housing strategy	To be programmed

With regard to the Town Centre Fringe, a Quad of Aims (**Appendix 1**).was completed and referred to the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group, for approval, in order that this Scrutiny Committee can give consideration to that item at an early date.

Medium Term Financial Plan

5. Members will also be aware that the Medium Term Financial Plan Review Group has met on four occasions to consider the MFTP proposals within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee. Recommendations were forwarded to the special meeting of Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 26th January, 2012. Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee requested that this Committee undertake a review on the effectiveness of CCTV within the Borough prior to the maintenance contract being retendered in October 2012 and a Quad of Aims (**Appendix 4**) is attached for Committee's consideration.

Quad of Aims

6. At the Scrutiny Committee held on 5th January, 2012 it was resolved that a Review Group be established to give consideration to broadband access within Darlington and a Quad of Aims is attached (**Appendix 2**) for Members' approval.
7. At the special Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12th January it was resolved that the position in relation to the Arts be monitored closely by the establishment of a Task and Finish Review Group and a Quad of Aims is attached (**Appendix 3**) for Members' approval.

Forward Plan

8. 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.