
**PLACE 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 the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 5th November, 2011, a discussion was held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been and is currently being, undertaken in relation to some of those areas and works is still due to commence on others.
3. Members are now requested to consider the current status of the work programme and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

Recommendations

4. 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
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	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

Work Programme

5. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Place Scrutiny Committee and Quad of Aims have previously been approved. The status of those items is detailed in the table below.
6. A key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvement and the budget savings necessary and Members need to take this into account when considering their Work Programmes and ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes rather than service delivery.

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Local Plan	To contribute to and influence the development of the Local Plan - Making and Growing Places Development Plan Document (DPD)	Ongoing - A workshop was held on 8 July to consider the Preferred Options A special meeting of Scrutiny will consider the Preferred Options consultation responses on 31st October 2013.
Economic Strategy	To monitor progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	A progress report will be considered at the December 2013 meeting.
Housing Strategy	To monitor progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes	Appears elsewhere on this Agenda.
Sport and Physical Activity Strategy	To contribute to and influence the development of the Strategy.	Appears elsewhere on this Agenda.
Refuse Collection	To contribute to and influence the implementation of a Wheeled Bin system in the Borough of	Final report detailing the Group's findings was submitted to Cabinet on 1st October 2013.

	Darlington.	
Cultural Provision	Scrutinise potential delivery options for cultural services. Scrutinise a range of governance models.	Ongoing – A Task and Finish Review Group was established, meetings held and reported back to this Scrutiny Committee A further meeting has been arranged for 24 October 2013 and Darlington for Culture have been invited.
Car Parking Strategy	To contribute and influence development of the Car Parking Strategy	Scrutiny considered an early draft of the Strategy. A further report will be considered at the December 2013 meeting.
Network Management Plan	To monitor progress and raise issues/concerns if necessary	An annual progress report will be considered at the February 2014 meeting.
Markets Review Group	To assess the potential of all spaces and places suitable for market activity.	Ongoing – A Markets Review Group was established and the first meeting was held on 24th May 2013. The next meeting has yet to be arranged.
Medium Term Financial Plan - Budget Proposals	To advise Members of the decision of Cabinet in relation to a number of budget savings proposals from areas which fall within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.	Awaiting the timetable for 2014/15.

Quad of Aims

7. If Members wish to add any item to the Work Programme a Quad of Aims would need to be developed and submitted to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group prior to being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.

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 and if so, complete the necessary documentation.