
**HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve Terms of Reference for areas of work to be added to the Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee; to re-consider the process for scrutinising the Darlington Health Profiles; to advise Members of proposals in relation to the scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan and the scrutiny of Local Strategic Partnership and Community Partnerships.

Summary

2. The original Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee (**Appendix 1**) was considered on 30th August 2011, however, Members are now requested to reconsider that programme to accommodate further issues which need to be included and to approve a number of terms of reference for some of those additional items.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Members
 - (a) That the current status of the work programme (**Appendix 1**) be noted;
 - (b) That the submitted terms of reference (**Appendix 2**) be approved;
 - (c) That a Review Group be established to undertake work into the Darlington Health Profiles and that the Terms of Reference (**Appendix 3**) be approved; and
 - (d) That the proposals in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan and the review of the Darlington Partnership be noted.

**Paul Wildsmith,
Director of Resources**

Background Papers

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

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 25th October, 2011, Members agreed that the following topics be included on their previously approved work programme :-
 - Winter pressures and preparedness
 - LSP Review and Member Involvement
 - Update of changes to the Police arrangements
 - ANEC – Health Task and Finish Group
 - Medium Term Financial Plan
5. Terms of Reference have now been developed (**Appendix 2**) for each of the areas and Members are requested to consider and approve each of the documents.

Darlington Health Profiles

6. In relation to the Darlington Health Profiles, Members previously agreed that this work would be undertaken at its ordinary scheduled meetings, however, it has since been suggested that, in view of the level of potential work surrounding this and the impact on the workload of this Scrutiny Committee, this might be better undertaken outside of the main meetings. Members are therefore requested to agree to the establishment of a Review Group for this piece of work and to the draft Terms of Reference (**Appendix 3**).

Medium Term Financial Plan

7. Members will also be aware that Cabinet have requested views on the proposals contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan and it has been suggested that all Scrutiny Committees be involved in the consultation process and that work be undertaken to scrutinise the proposals through Task and Finish Review Groups with all Members of the individual Scrutiny Committees being invited to participate. The first meeting of this Review Group which will discuss the terms of reference and consider the proposals was held on 29th November 2011.

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.