
**PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

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

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 and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that :
 - a. Members note the current status of the Work Programme; and
 - b. Approve the submitted Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**).

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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

Work Programme

4. All Members should be aware of the programme of change across the Council including changes to the remits of the five Scrutiny Committees. 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.
5. The original Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee was considered on 3rd November, 2011; however Members are now requested to consider the status of that Work Programme and suggest any further areas of work.
6. 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.

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Civil Parking Enforcement	To understand the benefits and constraints of Civil Parking Enforcement followings its introduction.	On today's agenda
Town Centre Fringe	To contribute to and influence the development of the Town Centre Fringe.	Ongoing
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

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
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	Joint Special Scrutiny with Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee held 11th April, 2012.

Terms of Reference

7. With regard to the Town Centre Fringe, Broadband Access and Cultural Provision the Quads of Aims recently referred to the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group have all now been approved.
8. At the meeting of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on 14th February, 2012, Members agreed to undertake a cross cutting piece of work into Telehealth and a joint meeting of the Adults and Housing, Health and Partnerships and Place Scrutiny Committees was held on 21st February 2012 and the overarching Terms of Reference was agreed.
9. At that meeting, it was agreed how the work on Telehealth could be split between the three Scrutiny Committees and Terms of Reference have now been developed for each strand. There are however, clear cross cutting issues for this Committee and Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee and Terms of Reference for this area of work (**Appendix 1**) are attached (part of the work will be carried out jointly) and Members are requested to consider and approve this. It is anticipated that the work will commence in the next Municipal Year.
10. For this piece of joint work Place Scrutiny Committee will focus its attention on infrastructure and economic benefits and this is further detailed on the Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**).

Forward Plan

11. 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.