
**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 previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to undertake a number of pieces of work. Although there are a couple of areas where work is still on-going, the majority of this work has now been completed and Members are requested to consider area where it would like to focus its work over the next Municipal Year.
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 and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.

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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 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 |
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| Local Plan | To contribute to and influence the development of the Local Plan - Making and Growing Places Development Plan Document (DPD) | Ongoing - Scrutiny gave consideration to the Housing Allocations feedback at a Special Meeting held on 2 October 2014. |
| Economic Strategy | To monitor progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes | Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Last considered 12 December 2013. |
| Housing Strategy | To monitor progress of the Strategy Action Plan against outcomes | Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. The Strategy was last considered on 17 October and the Private Housing Manager addressed Committee 12 December 2013. |
| Sport and Physical Activity Strategy | To contribute to and influence the development of the Strategy. | Ongoing – Committee to monitor progress of the Strategy. Last considered 17 October 2013. |
| Cultural Provision | Scrutinise potential delivery options for cultural services. Scrutinise a range of governance models. | Completed - The Final Report of the Group was considered by Cabinet on 4 November 2014. |

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| Car Parking Strategy | To contribute and influence development of the Car Parking Strategy | Ongoing - Last considered by Scrutiny on 6 February 2014 |
| Network Management Plan | To monitor progress and raise issues/ concerns if necessary | Ongoing - Last considered by Scrutiny on 18 June 2014. |
| Markets Review Group | To assess the potential of all spaces and places suitable for market activity. | Completed - The Final Report of the Group was considered by Cabinet on 4 November 2014. |
| 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. | AWC was considered December 2013. Street Cleaning / Grounds Maintenance and community involvement items i.e. Head of Steam and Cockerton Library considered January 2014. Continual monitoring will take place. Item appears elsewhere on this Agenda |
| Regulatory Services | To be advised of the services and the contribution they make to the economy of the Borough. | Ongoing – Committee advised of the work of Regulatory Services 9 April 2014. Further item relating to Flood Management considered on 23 October 2014. |
| Litter Reduction and Grounds Maintenance | To contribute to the Litter and Ground Maintenance Projects. Review regular updates from that Group. | Ongoing - Committee advised of the current status 18 June 2014. Regular updates to be submitted. Item appears elsewhere on this Agenda. |

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| Sustainable Community Strategy | To contribute to the revised Strategy document and to consider how this Scrutiny Committee can contribute to the objectives to reduce inequality by ensuring Darlington has more businesses and more jobs, more people caring for our environment and that Darlington is a place designed to thrive. | Ongoing - Last considered by Committee on 9 April 2014 prior to Council for submission. Committee to contribute to the on-going development of the SCS. |
| Wheeled Bins | To monitor the introduction of Wheeled Bins in the Borough. | Ongoing – The Final report of the Review Group was submitted to Cabinet on 1 October 2013. Scrutiny to receive a monitoring report in February 2015. |
| Performance Management Framework | To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management framework in order to inform the future work programme of this Scrutiny Committee | Ongoing – Last considered by Committee on 23 October. Data Lag Information appears elsewhere on this Agenda. Quarter 2 Performance information to be included on agenda for meeting on 12 February 2015 |
| (PESAG) Review Group | To contribute to the promotion and raise public awareness of PESAG | Review Group is continuing its work and will report regularly to Scrutiny Committee. |
| Durham Tees Valley Airport Masterplan | To scrutinise the Masterplan and feedback to the Peel Group, Stockton Borough Council and Cabinet. | Ongoing - Last considered by Scrutiny at a special meeting held on 25 September 2014. |

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| Arriva | To provide Members with an update on Arriva's performance and behaviour following attendance by Arriva at Scrutiny on 13 July 2012 | A request has been received from Arriva for them to highlight the investment and work undertaken to improve the situation detailed at the meeting of Scrutiny on 13 July 2012. To be considered on 12 February. |
| Combined Authority | To contribute/scrutinise the proposals. | Item to be programmed. |
| Local Enterprise Partnership | To raise Scrutiny awareness. | Item to be programmed. |

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.