
**HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS 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 develop the Terms of Reference for those topics.

Summary

2. Members will recall that, at the last meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 30th August, 2011, a discussion was held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work over the current Municipal Year.
3. Following that decision, Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**) for each of the topic areas have been developed as a working document for Members consideration.
4. A Quad of Aims (**Appendix 2**) is also attached for Members consideration in respect of a future item to be programmed.

Recommendations

5. It is recommended that Members consider the attached Terms of Reference and Quad of Aims, make any amendments thereto, and give formal approval to each topic area.

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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

Information and Analysis

6. All Members are aware of the ambitious 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 improvements 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.
7. Taking the above into account, at the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 30th August, 2011, Members identified the following areas where they would like to focus their work over the next Municipal Year and Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**) have been developed for each of these topic areas to demonstrate how Scrutiny will undertake the work and what the anticipated outcome may be :-
 - Care closer to home
 - Clinical Strategy
 - Single Needs Assessment
 - Stroke after care
 - Veterans Scrutiny Review
8. Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee is therefore requested to consider the attached Terms of Reference and make any amendments or comments thereon, prior to approval.
9. Terms of Reference have also been completed for the items scheduled on today's agenda and copies are available at **www.darlington.gov.uk**
10. If, during the course of the year, Members wish to add any topics to the above, taking into account the comments in paragraph 5, a Quad of Aims will need to be developed and submitted prior to the item being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.
11. Attached as **Appendix 2** is a Quad of Aims for two further items to be added to this Committees Work Programme. Following discussion at a recent Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee an item in relation to winter pressures and preparedness has been identified for this Scrutiny Committee to consider and the portfolio holder for Health and Partnerships has requested this Committee gives consideration to on-going Review of the Local Strategic Partnership, it is to that end that Quad of Aims are attached for Members' approval.
12. 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.