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**ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME**

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**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 where this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been, and is currently being, undertaken in relation to some of these areas of work is still due to commence on others.

**Recommendation**

3. 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 Disorder   |
| Health and Well Being            | This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.  |
| 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 Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.    |
| 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

4. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee and Terms of Reference have previously been approved. The status of each of those areas is detailed in the table below :-

| ITEM                           | PURPOSE  | STATUS  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Welfare Reforms Review Group   | To consider the future planned reforms and their impact on affected residents.   | <p>Task and Finish Review Group established. Initial work undertaken but work now to be included as part of wider Welfare Reform Proposals.</p> <p>Partnership Work – update from Partnership Director elsewhere on this agenda.</p>  |
| Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults | To provide Members with an overview of the Safeguarding Adults Board and its functions and to also examine the roles and responsibilities of Darlington Borough Council. | <p>Satisfied with the arrangements in place. Some further work to be undertaken through a Task and Finish Review.</p> <p>Task and Review Group meetings on-going and work programme to be developed for next 12 months.</p> <p>Work commenced in relation to medication in Care Homes. Meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 to discuss outcomes of Members visits and next steps.</p> <p>Mental Health Services to commence</p> <p>Dr Sawyer to update Members on the implementation of the revised GP arrangements in Care Homes, to be</p> |

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|   |   | given as part of the Medication in Care Homes review work..  |
| Telehealthcare                              | To explore the current benefits of telehealthcare.  | Deferred at this time  |
| Multi Agency Safeguarding                   | To advise Members of the establishment of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Unit and its work   | The Head of Review and Development Safeguarding and Police representative attend a future meeting.   |
| Young Carers and transition to Adult Carers |   | Review Group established by Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – two Members from this Scrutiny Committee appointed to represent it. Initial meeting arranged. |
| Tenants Board - VOIDS                       | To consider a report of the Tenants Board   | Item to be programmed for the August 2014 meeting.   |
| Medium Term Financial Plan                  | To monitor progress on the delivery of proposals under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee | Lifeline Project Review – Item to be programmed for the August 2014 meeting.<br><br>Adult Social Services – update on work to be programmed for a future meeting.        |
| Sustainable Community Strategy              | To enable Members to be updated on the revised Draft Sustainable Community Strategy         | Strategy approved – Further monitoring of outcomes to be programmed in conjunction with the Performance Management Information item.                                     |
| Performance Management Update               | To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management framework.           | As above - to be programmed for a future meeting   |

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| Better Care Fund                               | To provide Members with an update on the Better Care Fund bid                         | Bid submitted - update to be programmed for a future meeting.                    |
| County Durham and Darlington Dementia Strategy | To consult Members on the Strategy and to regularly monitor outcomes and achievements | Response on draft Strategy complete. Regular monitoring updates to be programmed |
| Deprivation of Liberty                         | To provide Members with an update on recent developments                              | Item programmed for August 2014 meeting  |

### Forward Plan and Additional Items

5. 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.
6. If, during the course of the year, Members wish to add any topics to the work programme, 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.