
OVERVIEW OF PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Place Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-
 - (a) **Work Programme 2011/12** – We have given consideration to the Work Programme for this Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12 and possible review topics and in doing so, we have taken into account the reduced resources available within the Authority and ensured that, in recommending our work programme to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group, that any work we undertake will have demonstrable outcomes and contribute to the work of the Council and its strategic aims and objectives.
 - (b) **Town Centre Fringe** – As part of the consultation exercise relating to the Town Centre Fringe we received a report which outlined the context and work to date on the Masterplan and the issues and options that have been considered in the process of developing a preferred option. Scrutiny Committee welcomed the opportunity to be part of the consultation exercise and look forward to revisiting this subject once the consultations are complete and the Masterplan has been updated.
 - (c) **Effectiveness of CCTV Task and Finish Review Group** – As part of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), Place Scrutiny Committee were requested by Efficiencies and Resources Scrutiny to undertake a Review to investigate the effectiveness of CCTV within the Borough and the potential effects of any reduction in CCTV cameras prior to any changes being implemented. The Group has met on one occasion and has requested a meeting with Durham Constabulary to seek its views.
 - (d) **Broadband Task and Finish Group** – This Review Group was established to look at the future requirements and provision of broadband for business use to assist in the preparation of the Economic Strategy. The Group has met on one occasion and its findings were presented to the Economic Strategy Event held on 8th March, 2012.

2. Since the last meeting of Council, I have attended the following meetings :-
 - (a) Various briefing meetings with Officers.
 - (b) Prosperous Theme Group on 15th February, 2012.
 - (c) Economic Strategy Event held on 8th March, 2012.

Councillor Dorothy Long
Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee