
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 2012/13** – We have given consideration to the Work Programme for this Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/13 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) **Darlington Economic Strategy** – Our views were sought on the key messages contained within the Economic Strategy that had been developed in consultation with local business through the Darlington Partnership. The Strategy was presented to the Board of the Darlington Partnership on 12th September, 2012.
 - (c) **Town Centre Regeneration** – Committee were pleased to receive a report on the consultation and participation process which had recently taken place relating to the future of the Town Centre. We were advised of the emerging themes that were developing and look forward to the outcome of the developers workshop proposed for late September.
 - (d) **Refuse Collection Review Group** – Several meetings of the Review Group have been held to give consideration to the implementation of wheeled bins in the Borough. We continue to give full consideration to this Review.
 - (e) **Arriva Review Group** – A meeting has been held with representatives of Arriva to discuss the service provided by the Arriva bus company. Members were asked to submit any concerns they had within their Wards and Arriva representatives responded to those concerns.

2. Since the last meeting of Council, I have attended various meetings with Officers.

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Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee