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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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**and Resources**

**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
The Care Act	To provide Members with an update on recent developments.	Regular update reports to be programmed.  Next monitoring report due September 2015 meeting.  May be appropriate for Task and Finish Review Groups to be established to look at particular elements of the Act.
Better Care Fund	To update Members on progress	3rd November, 2015
Adults Safeguarding Board	To advise Members of the revised arrangements	3rd November, 2015
Medium Term Financial Plan	To monitor progress on the delivery of proposals under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee	To be programmed as part of the MTFP timetable.  To be programmed when timetable is approved.
Performance Management Update	To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management framework.	Continual half-yearly monitoring will take place.  Monitoring reports to be submitted to meetings of this Committee scheduled for :-  3rd November, 2015 – Quarter 2 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016 – Year-end performance

Management of Change Programme	To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management of Change programme	Continual half-yearly monitoring will take place :-  Monitoring reports to be submitted to meetings of this Committee scheduled for :-  15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015 – Quarter 1 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2016 – Quarter 3 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016 – Year-end performance
Director of Public Health Annual Report	To examine the key messages within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015
Health and Care Summit and five year forward view		15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015
Safeguarding Adults at Risk	To examine the roles and responsibilities of Darlington Borough Council in relation to safeguarding adults.	Work previously undertaken in relation to Nutrition and Hydration in Care Homes and Medication in Care Homes who contract with this Council.  Scrutiny Committee to determine future areas of work. Suggested areas :-  Domiciliary Care (to enable Members to gain an understanding of the Council's contracting process with local providers in terms of quality, cost, future provision and explore outcomes for residents; and  Continence Services – (to scrutinise all aspects of the service and impact on service users in domiciliary/care home settings)  Task and Finish Review Group meetings to be arranged as and when appropriate

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub	To look at the work and effect of the Hub	12 January, 2016
Dementia Services	To consider the provision of Dementia Services across all sectors in line with the Dementia Strategy and progress towards Dementia Friendly Communities	Some work previously undertaken.  Dementia Strategy for County Durham and Darlington approved in July 2014.  Scrutiny Committee to receive updates as and when appropriate on how partners are delivering against the strategic priorities and actions as detailed in the Dementia Strategy  Further work to be undertaken through a Task and Finish Review Group
Deprivation of Liberty	To receive an update on changes to criteria and its impact on service provision to residents	3rd November, 2015
RIACT	To look at the performance of the RIACT and Reablement Service	Some previous service monitoring undertaken following quarter 2 performance management information. Review of service.  3rd November, 2015
Liquid Logic	To update Members on the project to replace the current Care First System	23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2016
Telecare	To provide Members with an update of progress on telecare/telehealth across sectors and consider the potential benefits and efficiencies for Darlington.	Joint Task and Finish Review Group with Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.  Task and Finish Review Group meetings to be arranged as and when appropriate. Members of this Scrutiny Committee to be co-opted onto review group

End of Life and Palliative Care – Strategy for Adult Palliative and End of Life Care Services	To gain an understanding of processes in place across agencies	Joint Task and Finish Review Group with Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.  Task and Finish Review Group meetings to be arranged as and when appropriate
Home Equipment Loans – Community Equipment Service	To receive an update on the new service contract and its impact on Darlington residents.	Monitoring to be undertaken following six months of implementation of new contract. Possible future joint work with the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.  23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2016
Learning impairment Services for Adults	To update Members on the delivery of the Life Stage Service and the joint health social care self-assessment framework	12 January, 2016
Support for Adults with Autism	To review the current service provision	23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2016
Welfare Reforms	To consider the future planned reforms and the on-going impact on affected residents	12 January, 2016
Universal Credit	To provide Members with an overview and update on progress to implementation and the likely impact on residents	12 January, 2016
Compass – Tees Valley Common Allocation Scheme	To advise Members of the scheme, how it works, demand and supply issues.	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015
Housing +Plus Service	To provide Members with an update on progress of new service and its outcomes on residents	3 November 2015

Customer Engagement in Housing Services	Members previously advised of changes to the way in which customers engage in the planning and delivery of housing services. To review how the new arrangements are working and its impact on residents	19 April, 2016
Homelessness Strategy	To look at the impact of the Homelessness Strategy 2015/16 and how the Housing Options Team deals with homelessness and how it performs in the delivery of these services	23 February 2016
Housing Strategy 2012-17 Annual Monitoring Report	To look at the progress against the priority actions contained within the Strategy	12 January, 2016
Housing Business Plan	To receive an annual overview of the Housing Services Business Plan to ensure that the Council has both the financial resources and asset information to ensure it can continue to meet the needs of present and future tenants while ensuring the long-term viability of the stock.	12 January, 2016
New Build Programme	To look at the Council's New Build Housing Programme	15 September 2015
Red Hall Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy	To look at the Strategy	3 November 2015
Healthwatch Darlington	To look at the current work programme of Healthwatch	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2015

## **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.