
WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an update on the current work programme for this Scrutiny Committee and seek their views on the new methodology.

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. Work is currently being undertaken in relation to some of these areas of work is still due to commence on others.
3. The proposed work programme has been reviewed and revised to enable the Committee to analyse information for each topic area aligning it to the eight outcomes and three conditions in the Sustainable Community Strategy, and relevant performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework, other sources such as the Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT) and survey results.
4. The proposed structure of the work programme will provide Members with the opportunity to develop each topic through a series of questions and drill down to investigate particular aspects of extensive topics.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the current status of the Work Programme be noted.

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Background Papers

No background papers were 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 eight outcomes. |
| Efficiency | The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings. |
| Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers | This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers. |

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

6. The format of the proposed work programme has been reviewed to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to provide a rigorous and informed challenge to the areas for discussion. The templates attached at **Appendix 1** contain the existing work programme as agreed plus some additional subject areas included following discussion with the Chair and Vice-chair.
7. Each topic has been reviewed to link it to the outcomes and the conditions in the Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington Perfectly Placed:-

| SCS Outcomes | Three Conditions |
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| a) Children with the best start in life | a) Build Strong Communities |
| b) More businesses more jobs | b) Grow the Economy |
| c) A safe and caring community | c) Spend every pound wisely |
| d) More people caring for our environment | |
| e) More people active and involved | |
| f) More people healthy and independent | |
| g) A place designed to thrive | |

8. In addition, each topic has been linked to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework (PMF) or other published sources to provide robust and accurate data for Members to use when considering topics and the work they wish to undertake. There are some topics where appropriate PMF indicators have not yet been identified however; these can be added as the work programme for each topic is developed.
9. The topics have been grouped into two sections as follows:
 - a) Overarching e.g. Performance Management; and
 - b) Place.
10. To assist in the development of the work programme Members may wish to ask questions to act as a catalyst to the discussions for each topic and assist in further developing the direction Members may wish to take with each topic. Suggested questions are :

What is the impact on services within the Borough?;

What is the impact on residents?;

How can this Committee influence or assist in developments?; and

Which organisations are involved?

11. Once the Work Programme has been agreed by this Scrutiny Committee, any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a Quad of Aims. A revised process for adding an item to a previously approved work programme, which has been agreed by the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group, is attached at **Appendix 2**.