

# Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda



**9.30 am Monday, 3 February 2020**  
**Committee Room No. 1, Town Hall,**  
**Darlington. DL1 5QT**

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.**

1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes
  - (a) 16 December 2019; and (Pages 1 - 6)
  - (b) 3 January 2020 (Special Meeting) (Pages 7 - 10)
4. Childhood Healthy Weight Plan –  
Report of the Director of Public Health  
(Pages 11 - 18)
5. Voluntary and Community Sector Funding: Update on Pilot Community Based Initiatives –  
Report of the Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Transformation  
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6. Home to School Transport –  
Verbal Update by Head of Education and Inclusion and Head of SEND and Inclusion
7. Work Programme –

Report of the Managing Director  
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(a) Quad of Aims (Pages 79 - 82)

8. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting
9. Questions



**Luke Swinhoe**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Friday, 24 January 2020**

**Town Hall**  
**Darlington.**

**Membership**

Councillors Bartch, Mrs Culley, Ali, Bell, C L B Hughes, L Hughes, Lister, Lucas, Preston, Renton and Snedker

**Statutory Co-optees**

Malcolm Frank and Carly Spence

**Non Statutory Co-optees**

Maura Regan, Tim Fisher, Nick Lindsay, Glenis Harrison, Janet Woodcock and John Armitage

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## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 16 December 2019

**PRESENT** – Councillors Bartch (Chair), Mrs Culley, Ali, C L B Hughes, Lucas, Renton and Snedker

**STATUTORY CO-OPTees** – None

**NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTees** – John Armitage

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Bell and L Hughes; Carly Spence, Tim Fisher

**ABSENT** – Councillors Lister and Preston

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillor Crudass

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Jane Kochanowski (Assistant Director of Children's Services), Christine Shields (Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation), Nicola Davies (Early Years Project Officer) and Helen Ellison (Head of Education Partnerships)

### CYP60 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

### CYP61 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 28 October 2019.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 28 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

### CYP62 **CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY REVIEW 2019-20**

The Director of Children and Adults Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to inform Members of the findings of the 2019/20 Childcare Sufficiency Review and to set out the authority's 2019/20 Childcare Sufficiency Action Plan (also previously circulated).

Local authorities are required by the Department for Education's 'Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities June 2018' to ensure sufficient childcare as far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 or up to 18 for disabled children; and to report annually to elected Members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare and to make this report available and accessible to parents.

It was reported that analysis of the overall volume of supply shows there is sufficient

childcare supply to meet demand.

It was reported that factors which affect childcare demand included the number of parents in work in the Borough and recent trends showed an improving picture regarding skills and productivity of Darlington residents with an increase in the employment rate and a reduction in the unemployment rate; the regeneration projects in evidence; the increase in the amount of family housing, residential development in the Borough; and the number of new dwellings all affecting childcare demand.

Supply data for 2019 revealed that the early education and childcare market in Darlington remained fairly stable; however feedback from a pre-school childcare gap analysis carried out in Summer 2018 showed that there was a latent demand for childcare in the borough with cost being the main barrier to high take up of private hours. Parents also would welcome more flexibility to accommodate their work and training arrangements at short notice. These findings were also the outcome of the 2019 parental demand survey, nevertheless, analysis of the overall volume of supply showed that there was sufficient capacity to meet demand; and parent and provider feedback also suggested that there was sufficient capacity to meet overall demand for 30 Hour places.

It was also reported that there was evidence to indicate that providers were under increasing financial pressure with several settings reporting that their operating costs were higher than funding rates. Some settings also reported financial pressures were also impacting on the capacity for some providers to meet the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities; and feedback from parents and employers called for greater flexibility and lower childcare costs.

To enable the local childcare market and schools to fill any childcare gaps identified, it was reported that the childcare sufficiency data will be presented at the Spring 2020 Private, Voluntary and Independent Providers' Network meeting and will be sent to schools and presented at the Spring 2020 Schools Chair of Governors' Briefing.

The local authority will also continue to advertise the right of parents and childcare providers to request the delivery of childcare from school sites (DfE 'Rights to Request', introduced in September 2016).

Members discussed in particular the need to narrow any gaps in the provision of care for those children with disabilities and the rest of the population; the retention of staff in the childcare sector; the lack of flexibility from employers in respect of childcare; take up of nursery placements in the borough; and Members of this Scrutiny Committee agreed to make a recommendation to Cabinet to request improved long term planning and funding from Central Government for Early Education and Childcare.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That Members note the information and findings of the 2019/20 Childcare Sufficiency Review.

(b) That Members note the Local Authority's 2019/20 Childcare Sufficiency Action Plan and to continue to monitor on an annual basis.

(c) That Members of this Scrutiny Committee meet to consider a recommendation for

Cabinet to request improved long term planning and funding from Central Government for Early Education and Childcare.

## **CYP63 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2017/22 - PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Director of Children and Adults Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide Members with an update on the progress to date against the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2017/22.

The Plan, which covers a five year period, is one of the identified delivery plans within the Sustainable Community Strategy and identifies what key actions will be taken to deliver the agreed Sustainable Community Strategy priority of the best start in life for every child which was adopted by Council on 29 September 2017.

The submitted report highlighted the seven priorities for the next five years and it had been previously agreed by the Multi-agency Steering Group (MASG) to focus on two of the priority actions for year one and moving into year two of the five year delivery plan, it had also been agreed by the MASG to continue with the focus on improving the mental health and emotional wellbeing of all children and young people (priority three) and Youth unemployment (priority six) be replaced by child poverty (priority four).

The submitted report provided an update on the Year two priorities being to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of all children and young people and to reduce the number of children and young people living in poverty; outlined the work of the MASG which is Chaired by the Assistant Director for Commissioning, Performance and Transformation; and advised that the Communications Team continue their work with Children's Services on any communications activities deemed necessary in relation to specific elements of the CYPP or other projects that may link to the CYPP.

Discussion ensued on the #DarloMillions campaign aimed at addressing family poverty and Members requested a breakdown of available funding and how it is utilised; and 'highlighted the need for improved signposting for all available funding and support. Members were also advised of Voluntary and Community Sector Funding in place help address social isolation in adults and older people and to support vulnerable families with children and young people.

Concern was raised in respect of the accessibility of 'Kooth', the online counselling and support tool for those with dyslexia and learning disabilities and Members were assured that this was being addressed. The Director of Commissioning, Performance and Transformation advised Members that the pilot of 'Kooth' was due to end in summer 2020 and the impact and outcomes of this service would then be measured and the demonstration site shared with Members for information.

Members requested further information in respect of the success of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy in supporting the mental health needs of children leaving care; and questioned if other types of therapy had been considered.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

## **CYP64 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS QUARTER 2 2019/20**

The Director of Children and Adults Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide Members with an update on performance against key performance indicators.

The submitted report provided Quarter 2 (July-September) 2019/20 performance information in line with an indicator set agreed by the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group and subsequently by each individual Scrutiny Committee.

It was also reported that the indicator set had been realigned to the updated Cabinet Portfolios, agreed at Council on 5 December 2019.

The submitted report highlighted where Children and Young People were performing well and where there was a need to improve. It was also outlined that where indicators are reported annually quarterly updates will not be available.

It was highlighted that the timeliness of assessments was at 92.7 per cent of assessments which was above the target of 90 per cent; 92.8 per cent of Initial Child Protection Conferences were held within 15 working days from the Strategy meeting being held/Section 47 being initiated; there were 100 per cent of children with a Child Protection Plan and 100 per cent of Children Looked After had an allocated social worker; and 23.1 per cent of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET).

The areas highlighted for improvement in Quarter 2 were in respect of statutory child protection visits completed within 15 working days and 73.8 per cent of were completed within the internally set target of 10 working days; and 86.3 per cent of statutory children in care visits were completed within the timescale; and the number of children in care had increased to 278.

Members discussed in particular the number of children in care at the end of each month; the Assistant Director of Children's Services advised Members of the work being undertaken and support in place to keep the child in the family where appropriate.

Members noted the Health Assessments and Dental Health Assessments and questioned if this could be incentivised to encourage older children to attend their reviews; Members were assured that the LAC nurse was able to capture those children that did not attend formal reviews via less formal methods.

Following a request by Members in respect of quality of practice, the Assistant Director of Children's Services advised Members that quality of practice was captured as part of the improvement plan; a position statement outlined the improvements made as part of the plan, all of which added to the quality of practice; and a Quality Impact Statement would be provided at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That the performance information provided for Quarter 2 2019/20 be noted.

## **CYP65 WORK PROGRAMME**

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide an update on the current work programme for this Scrutiny Committee.

The work programme has been reviewed and revised for the Municipal Year 2019/20 and has been linked to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework to provide robust and accurate data for Members to use when considering topics and the work they wish to undertake.

Discussion ensued in respect of baby groups in Darlington and it was suggested a quad of aims be completed to examine the provision of baby groups in Darlington and to carryout out a mapping exercise to identify any gaps; and to also examine what support is provided by the local authority to baby groups.

**RESOLVED** – That the current status of the work programme be noted.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 13 January 2020

**PRESENT** – Councillors Bartch (Chair), Mrs Culley, Ali, C L B Hughes, Lister, Renton and Snedker

**STATUTORY CO-OPTees** – None

**NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTees** – None

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Bell, L Hughes, Lucas and Preston

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillor Crudass

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Paul Wildsmith (Managing Director), Elizabeth Davison (Assistant Director Resources), Jane Kochanowski (Assistant Director of Children's Services) and Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

### CYP66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 in relation to Home to School Transport.

### CYP67 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Submitted – A report (previously circulated) of the Chief Officers Executive which had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 7 January 2020, in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2020-21 to 2023-24 including setting a budget and council tax increase for 2020/21.

It was reported that the Council had faced significant challenges over the last decade following the economic downturn and reduction in private sector spending and to date, the Council had been successful in responding to these challenges.

The submitted report highlighted projected expenditure of £89.609m and projected income of £90.116m providing a balanced MTFP for 2020/21 and the Council's financial position is robust with a four-year balanced MTFP; outlined areas of efficiencies and saving within the plan; and highlighted areas of further financial pressures, in particular in respect of pressure on the children's social care sector and the increase in children coming into the local authorities care.

It was reported that the delivery of the core offer budget which was agreed following a consultation exercise in 2016 remained extremely challenging with some significant pressures arising in children's social care, however, through innovative financial investments and increased income from economic growth successes and a positive pension triennial review, the Council could still deliver the agreed balanced plan, finance the MTFP a further year to 2023/24 and allocate an additional £1.8 million from unallocated balances to bolster the Futures Fund five themes whilst retaining usable balances of £4.3 million.

The submitted report also highlighted core grant funding to Local Government and a

number of additional funding streams following the 2019 spending review for social care and winter pressures funding; the ongoing increase to the Council Tax; and other grants which are specific areas of expenditure as dictated by the government and cannot be used for other areas.

It was also reported that significant work which had been undertaken to achieve economic growth within the Borough, particularly in relation to Symmetry Park, Feethams House and the Horizon Centre which had been all contributing to the growth in the projected National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) collected over the coming MTFP.

Following a question raised, Members discussed the potential impact of regulation (PSVAR) changes to home to school travel and transport on vulnerable families and the MTFP. The Managing Director advised the Scrutiny Members that he was confident the MTFP could accommodate any changes to the regulations and would present an update to Members at the next ordinary meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on 3 February 2020.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That this Scrutiny Committee has no comment to make on the proposed schedule of fees and charges for those services within its remit and supports Cabinet’s proposal in relation to those fees and charges and the proposed Council Tax increase of 2 per cent plus the 2 per cent adult social care precept for the next financial year and Futures Fund investment of £1.8 million.

(c) That Members concerns regarding the proposed changes to Home to School Transport and the impact on the MTFP be noted.

## **CYP68 COUNCIL PLAN 2020/23**

Submitted – A report (previously circulated) of the Chief Officers Executive which had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 7 January 2020, in relation to the Council Plan 2020-2023.

The Council Plan sets out a proposed vision for the Council and the key actions it will take to achieve that vision and was subject to consultation prior to its approval by Council in March 2020.

It was reported that all Scrutiny Committees are to consider the Council Plan and a public consultation exercise was being carried out between 8 January and 7 February 2020.

Scrutiny Members will also receive six monthly reporting on progress against the plan and wider performance indicators relating to priority outcomes and Council service delivery.

Members discussed the key actions that the Children and Young People Portfolio focuses on and in particular approved the action to review in-house residential care and consider the Council’s place in providing services; improving employment opportunities for looked after children and care leavers; and work with the schools and the Regional Schools Commissioner to increase educational achievement across the borough and in particular for young people from deprived backgrounds.

**RESOLVED**-That this Scrutiny Committee has no comment to make on the Council Plan 2020-2023.

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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
3 February 2020**

ITEM NO. ....

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**DARLINGTON CHILDHOOD HEALTHY WEIGHT PLAN**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members and partners with an overview of the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan, the partnership launch event and the next steps in relation to taking this work forward.

**Summary**

2. The ambition of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan is to ensure that more children leave primary school a healthy weight. It sets out a whole system approach to tackling obesity. A multi-agency session was held in September 2019 to launch the plan and to develop an action plan to take the work forward.

**Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that Members :-
  - a. Accept the update on the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan
  - b. Support the actions set out in the report to implement a whole systems approach to tackling obesity.

**Miriam Davidson  
Director of Public Health**

**Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report  
Author: Becky James, Public Health Portfolio Lead Extension 6728

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Well Being	The report has recommendations to improve the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families in the borough.
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	This impacts on all children
Budget and Policy Framework	There are no implications arising from this report.
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the One Darlington: Perfectly Placed Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the contribution to the outcome 'better start in life'.
Efficiency	There are no implications arising from this report.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report impacts on all children across the borough.

## MAIN REPORT

### Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan

#### Feedback from Partnership Event and Next Steps

#### Background

1. The scope and vision of the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan is to ensure that more children leave primary school aged 10-11 years with a healthy weight. It sets out a whole system approach recognising the complex relationship between the social, economic and physical environment coupled with individual factors that underpin the development of obesity.
2. In Darlington childhood obesity in Darlington is above the national average at both reception and year 6 age groups. The percentage of children at year 6 who are categorised as obese in Darlington is 21.2%.
3. Childhood obesity and excess weight are significant health issues for children. There can be serious implications for the physical and mental health of a child continuing into adulthood, as obese children are more likely to become obese adults and have a higher risk of morbidity and premature mortality. Obesity and overweight are linked to a range of diseases including type 2 diabetes, asthma, hypertension, cancer, heart disease and stroke.

#### Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan

4. The overall objectives of the Healthy Weight Plan are to:
  - a) Transform the environment so that it supports healthy lifestyles by increasing and maintaining use of green space for play and recreation;
  - b) Transform the environment so that healthier choices are available in the provision of food consumed out of the home;
  - c) Transform the environment by supporting the public sector to lead by example with healthier options;
  - d) Make healthier choices easier by providing information and support on active travel
  - e) Deliver consistent messages to increase awareness around healthy lifestyles and maximise the use of Making Every Contact Count (MECC)

- f) Support services needed to tackle excess weight by increasing breastfeeding rates

### Partnership Event

5. A multi-agency session was held on 24 September 2019 to officially launch the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan and to gain partner ownership and support to develop an action plan. 48 people attended the session from a range of organisations including schools, NHS, internal local authority departments and the voluntary and community sector. Presentations to set the context and a series of participatory workshops were held.
6. Attendees were asked to contribute to the following discussion questions:
- We want children to leave primary school a healthy weight
    - How do we work better to achieve this?
    - What are the challenges?
    - What does success look like and how do we measure it?
  - Themed workshop (physical activity, business engagement, schools, maternal health and early years)
    - What is happening already to contribute to this agenda?
    - How can we work better together?
    - Where is the added value – what can we do more of?
    - What are the challenges?
7. A wealth of feedback was gathered from these discussions and captured to inform an action plan going forward. Three themes across the discussions included:
- a) Consistent messaging across the system and with families is required**
  - b) Engagement of parents and families is key**
  - c) The link to poverty is apparent – obesity cannot be seen or tackled as a single issue**
8. Attendees were asked what will make the biggest difference to tackling childhood obesity in Darlington. The word cloud below summarises the responses given:





## Headline Actions and Next Steps

9. Based on the feedback from the partnership event, the following actions have been proposed to align with the priorities of the plan and to achieve a population approach to tackling the issue.

### Cross Cutting Actions:

- 9.1 Develop and implement the 'Darlington Standard', engaging businesses to look at their children's food offer as the first step. This will include:
  - No meal on the menu to go over the Recommended Daily Allowance for Children (calories, fat, sugar, salt)
  - Reducing portion sizes
  - Sugar content in drinks
  - Vending machine offer

This standard would be applied to private sector businesses, schools, local authority buildings and any premises serving food.

- 9.2 Implement a settings-based approach with commitment from all partners to take forward the actions of the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan:
  - LEADERSHIP – commitment to the vision of the Plan
  - AWARENESS – consistency and promotion of key messages

- MAKING EVERY CONTACT COUNT – across all services and key access points
- ACTIVITIES – that support the promotion of positive health and wellbeing

9.3 Development of a strong and robust communications plan to deliver public facing consistent messages across organisations to support the objectives of the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan

#### Intelligence Gathering:

9.4 Map out contact points in Darlington from pre-birth throughout childhood to show opportunities for MECC, which partners need to be involved and current provision and gaps

Utilising the NCMP data to interrogate trends, map school location to demonstrate local picture and to better inform schools in their plans to tackle obesity

Food mapping – availability of hot food takeaways, food deserts and food swamps

#### Schools:

9.5 Work with schools to champion and develop a consistent approach with an ambition to embed the following across all schools:

- Daily Mile
- Healthy Catering – roll out of Healthy Point system and adoption of Darlington Standard as set out above
- Active Travel – adopt standard approach to promoting active travel to and from school

#### Partnership Working

9.6 Work with partners in regulatory services to explore options around takeaway restrictions, advertising, promoting active travel etc

10. An Engagement Group has been established with the first meeting held in December 2019. A core group of partners have agreed to take forward this work. The initial meeting reviewed the proposed actions and formally agreed next steps.

## Recommendations

11. It is recommended that the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee:
  - a. Note the update on the Darlington Childhood Healthy Weight Plan
  - b. Support the actions set out in the report to implement a whole systems approach to tackling obesity

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## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 FEBRUARY 2020**

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### **VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR FUNDING: UPDATE ON PILOT COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES**

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#### **SUMMARY REPORT**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update on the community based initiatives, funded from Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies, which are being piloted during 2019/20.

##### **Summary**

2. In late 2018, the Chief Officers Executive (COE) gave approval for the implementation of seven pilot community based initiatives using Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies.
3. The priorities for the non-recurring funding were identified as reducing isolation and loneliness in adults to improve health and wellbeing, and providing early intervention support to vulnerable families to support children and young people to remain in education and live at home.
4. The seven initiatives were agreed at a series of workshops attended by representatives from the Council, the Police, Health, Education, the Fire Brigade and a wide range of both small and large community and voluntary sector organisations.

##### **Recommendation**

5. It is recommended that Members receive this progress report for information.

**Christine Shields**  
**Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Transformation**

##### **Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report is for information and will have neither a positive or negative impact on Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has implications on the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	This report is for information and will have neither a positive or negative impact on Carbon Impact
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	One project outlined in this report will benefit Looked After Children and Care Leavers

## MAIN REPORT

6. In late 2018, the Chief Officers Executive (COE) gave approval for the implementation of seven pilot community based initiatives using Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies.
7. £142,000 was initially allocated and an additional £21,000 has recently been made available from the Community Facilities Fund (ring-fenced to benefit the Skerne Park area of the borough).
8. Inclusion North were asked to facilitate a multi-agency steering group to oversee this work, and to manage the funding on behalf of Darlington Borough Council. The steering group first met in January 2019 and has since met a further three times.
9. The priorities for the non-recurring funding were identified as reducing isolation and loneliness in adults to improve health and wellbeing, and providing early intervention support to vulnerable families to support children and young people to remain in education and live at home. Seven initiatives (projects) were agreed at a series of workshops attended by representatives from the Council, the Police, Health, Education, the Fire Brigade and a wide range of both small and large community and voluntary sector organisations.
10. Initiative 1 – Small Sparks £23,400

This project is being led by the Voluntary and Community Sector Engagement Group (formerly known as SIG). The primary aim of the funding is to develop innovative ways of reducing social isolation/promoting community inclusion. Community organisations can apply for between £150 and £3000. There is a short, simple application process with a six week deadline in which to apply. The first bidding round is currently underway and will end on 15 November. Information is being shared with the voluntary and community sector in the area to ensure a wide range of applications. If there are funds remaining after the first bidding round, a second round will be opened up.

11. Initiatives 2 and 3 – Mutual Gain £36,800

Two projects are being led by the Neighbourhood Policing Team based on the Mutual Gain approach. The purpose of Mutual Gain is to empower organisations and communities to have greater participation and active citizenship, and to increase social capital for the mutual benefit of the entire community. The project is focussing on the Bank Top area and two funds were made available to ensure equal focus on both children and young people and socially isolated adults in the area.

The aim of these projects is to involve the local community in participatory budgeting, so share the decision making and control, and to co-produce solutions to local issues with the community itself. To date, a small amount of funding (£405) has been used to engage with the local community to co-design a picture of what is good about the area and what could be improved. Local groups have been invited to bid for funds by designing a simple solution to a local problem. There is a planned participatory budgeting event on 16 November, where the local community will come and vote on the initiatives that have so far been put forward. To date

there have been 20 applications received, and each will be at the event to share their ideas with the public and attempt to win votes.

#### 12. Initiative 4 – Supporting the work of Well Being Facilitators £28,400

The aim of this project is to reduce dependence on traditional social care support services and reduce reliance on urgent, emergency and out of hours services. The Well Being Facilitators team are managing the fund as part of their work to improve social and community support and assets. As well as increasing signposting to and utilisation of the Voluntary sector and identifying gaps in service provision, they are able to use the fund to find one off simple solutions to issues that might otherwise escalate and require statutory service input. The intended beneficiaries are those who are aged 65+ years and are frail. Well Being Facilitators have worked together to agree a criteria for the fund. This includes a maximum spend of £50 per issue without a team decision making process. This has given the Well Being Facilitators individual autonomy, with the back up of team scrutiny for more expensive items. To date £942 has been spent on a range of interventions including support for friendship groups and individuals who want to attend local events. Referrals to the Well Being Facilitators are coming from staff based within GP practices, district nurses and the DBC RIACT team.

#### 13. Initiative 5 – Early Help £35,400

The aim is to strengthen the Early Help offer to children and young people by offering all schools access to a fund aimed at supporting children and young people to attend school. The fund is used by schools to identify small things that will make a big difference to children and young people's attendance and attainment. Schools allocate small amounts of funding based on clear guidelines. The fund was launched in September, and to date schools have been using the funding to enable the most vulnerable families to buy uniform and to enable individual children and young people to buy equipment which would enable them to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and associated expeditions or trips.

#### 14. Initiative 6 – Working Together £10,000

Funding for this project has been used to run a Holiday Enrichment Programme and to support the development of Darlington Young Advisors.

Holiday Enrichment Programme - free stimulating activities and food were provided during the six-week school holiday period for 60 children leaving year 6 to start secondary school in September 2019. The children who were offered this support lived in four areas of multiple deprivation across Darlington, and attended four different primary schools, including Skerne Park. Each school identified 15 children that they felt would benefit from the provision, including children they suspected could go hungry, who may not have reliable care at home or whose behaviour they believed would deteriorate over the summer holidays without some structured stimulating activity. Following the Programme, an initial evaluation was completed which showed that:

- 90 per cent of parents rated their children's enjoyment level of the programme as 10 out of 10 with the remaining 10% rating the enjoyment levels at 9 out of 10



- 100 per cent of parents who completed the questionnaire rated the transport as 10 out of 10, stating that they felt that being collected from their locality was a key contributing factor in the children being able to attend the programme
- 100 per cent also stated that they would recommend the programme to others

Officers are currently collecting further information from the schools regarding the impact of this programme on the attendance and attainment levels for the children involved following their return to school in September.

Darlington Young Advisors - The creation of the Young Darlington Advisors (YDA) pilot project aims to draw together all of the work already being carried out by young people across Darlington in relation to commissioning, consultation, engagement, training, recruitment, monitoring and evaluation. YDA will play a significant role in ensuring that children and young people growing up in Darlington receive the best possible service and support. Its aim is to capture the voice and experience of children and young people and use this to shape future services and projects.

A YDA Board will be established comprising of 8 – 10 young people aged between 13 and 19 year old (or up to 25 for care leavers and 25 for those with a EHCP or SEN support plan). Young people on the Board will come from a range of backgrounds, have a variety of interests and hobbies, and have different experiences and aspirations. Some young people maybe be living away from home, care leavers and some may have disabilities or care for family members. Also invited to attend the YDA Board, will be young people who are part of existing youth groups mentioned earlier in the report. These existing youth groups/organisations will be of particular benefit in providing young people with specific knowledge or experience in relation to a Service support already being provided by the Council and partner organisations.

The Board is currently being established and will be operational from late January 2020.

#### 15. Initiative 7 – Economic Growth – Skerne Park £21,149

The aim of this project is to support grassroots asset based community development in the area. Building partnerships with the voluntary ad community sector to build local capacity. This project is being led by the Voluntary and Community Sector Engagement Group (formerly known as SIG) and will be initiated in January 2020.

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### 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 during the 2019/20 Municipal Year and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included.

#### Summary

2. Members are requested to consider the attached draft work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the remainder of the Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee in the last Municipal Year.
3. Any additional areas of work which Members wish to add to the agreed work programme will require the completion of a quad of aims in accordance with the previously approved procedure (**Appendix 2**).

#### Recommendations

4. Members are requested to note the work programme and consider any additional items which they may wish to include.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Managing Director**

#### Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Author: Allison Hill

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

5. 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.
6. Each topic links to the outcomes and the conditions in the Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington Perfectly Placed:-

<p>SCS Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Children with the best start in life</li><li>b) More businesses more jobs</li><li>c) A safe and caring community</li><li>d) More people caring for our environment</li><li>e) More people active and involved</li><li>f) Enough support for people when needed</li><li>g) More people healthy and independent</li><li>h) A place designed to thrive</li></ul>	<p>Three Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Build strong communities</li><li>b) Grow the economy</li><li>c) Spend every pound wisely</li></ul>
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7. In addition, each topic links to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework (PMF) 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.

### Forward Plan and Additional Items

8. 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.
9. A copy of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 3** for information.

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**APPENDIX 1**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>SCS Outcome</b>	<b>Darlington Conditions</b>	<b>Link to PMF (metrics)</b>	<b>Scrutiny's Role</b>
<b>Performance Management and Regulation</b>	Q3 30 March 2020  Q4/year end June 2020  Q1 November 2020	Sharon Raine	Children with the best start in life  A safe and caring community  Enough support for people when needed  More people healthy and independent	Build strong communities  Spend every pound wisely	Agreed set of indicators	To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
<b>Childhood Healthy Weight Plan</b>	3 February 2020	Miriam Davidson	Children with the best start in life			To examine the effectiveness of the Plan on childhood obesity and mental health issues in children and young people
<b>Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Update</b>	3 February 2020	Christine Shields				Update report on the community based initiatives,

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
						funded from Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies, piloted during 2019/20.
<b>Home to School Transport</b>	3 February 2020	Tony Murphy/ Graham Easterlow				To update Members on the current position/ changes to regulations which may impact on the MTFP
<b>Looked After Children Missing From Care</b>	30 March 2020	Alison Poulter / Chris Bell	Enough support for people when needed			To further examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid episodes and examine partnership working and parent engagement
<b>Extension of Funding to 21 for Children in Foster Care</b>	30 March 2020	Jane Kochanowski	Children with the best start in life	Build strong communities		Annual monitoring – a duty on Local Authorities to facilitate, monitor



Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
			A safe and caring community  Enough support for people when needed  More people healthy and independent			and support staying put arrangements
<b>Learning and Skills Service Annual Report</b>	June/Jul 2020	Paul Richardson	Enough support for people when needed			Annual Report to demonstrate challenge
<b>Children and Young People Public Health Overview 2019</b>	September 2020	Ken Ross	Children with the best start in life  A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed  More people healthy and independent	Build Strong Communities	PBH 009 PBH 013c PBH 016 PBH 018 PBH 020 PBH 021 PBH 054	Annual monitoring - Children and Young People's Profile, Healthy Lifestyle Survey, Childhood Healthy Weight Action Plan 2017-2022 and Oral Health Plan 2017-2022
<b>IRO Annual Report</b>	September 2020	Jane Kochanowski	Children with the best start in life		CSC201	To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Looked After Children

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>SCS Outcome</b>	<b>Darlington Conditions</b>	<b>Link to PMF (metrics)</b>	<b>Scrutiny's Role</b>
<b>Local Designated Officer Annual Report</b>	September 2020	Martin Graham	A safe and caring community			To examine the Annual Report and assure Members that allegations made against staff who work with children are reported and how they are actioned
<b>Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report</b>	October 2020	Amanda Hugill/ Ann Baxter, Independent Chair	A safe and caring community	Build strong communities	LSCB Annual Report	Annually monitoring
<b>2020/21 Childcare Sufficiency Review</b>	December 2020	Nicola Davies/ Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life  A safe and caring community  Enough support for people when needed	Build strong communities		To provide an annual report to elected Members on how the authority meets its duty to secure sufficient childcare places.
<b>Children and Young People Plan 2017-22</b>	December 2020	Christine Shields	Children with the best start in life			Annual Update to Members
<b>Private Children's Homes and Planning Guidance</b>	TBA					Following an update to the Scrutiny meeting on 11 March 2019 Members agreed

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
						to monitor the number of private children's homes in the borough.
<b>Academy Trusts</b>	TBA/Spring 2020 (Presentation by Katherine Cowell, the Regional Schools Commissioner)		Children with the best start in life			To examine safeguarding measures and health and safety training in place within the boroughs Academies and attainment within Academy Trusts.
<b>JOINT REVIEW WITH HEALTH AND HOUSING AND ADULTS SCRUTINY:</b>						
Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
<b>Autism Provision Review Group</b>	TBA		Enough support for people when needed			To review the provisions and services and contractual arrangements between this Council and our providers who provide the

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
						Autism provisions, diagnoses and support services for Darlington.

**ARCHIVED ITEMS**

<b>LAC Missing from Care – Reasons and Interventions</b>	10 September 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life  Enough support for people when needed		CSC246	To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid. To invite the Police Liaison Officer to attend Scrutiny to discuss
<b>Educational Landscape</b>	Archived on 3 Oct 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life	Build Strong Communities	CSC 044 Basket of LAIT KS1, KS2, GCSE & A Level indicators. Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT) academic year 2014/15/ Ofsted Sept 2014/ Department for	To examine school improvement including the decline in performance for maths and English and what action is being taking to address this.

					Education (DFE) performance data	
<b>Stability of Places for Looked After Children</b>	10 December 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life  Enough support for people when needed	Build strong communities	CSC 228 CSC 229	To monitor annually the stability of places for Looked After Children.  To be monitored via the regular performance reports in future
<b>Children Services Accessibility Strategy</b>	10 December 2018		Children with the best start in life  Enough support for people when needed			To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to consider the Strategy prior to Cabinet.
<b>SEND High Needs Review: Strategy and Funding</b>	29 October 2018  10 Dec 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life  More People healthy and independent			To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members to carry out a T/F Review on the proposals.
<b>Home to School Transport</b>	29 October 2018		Enough support for people when needed			
<b>SEND Strategy and Funding Consultation Review Group</b>	10 December 2018		Children with the best start in life			To give a Scrutiny response to the consultation on the

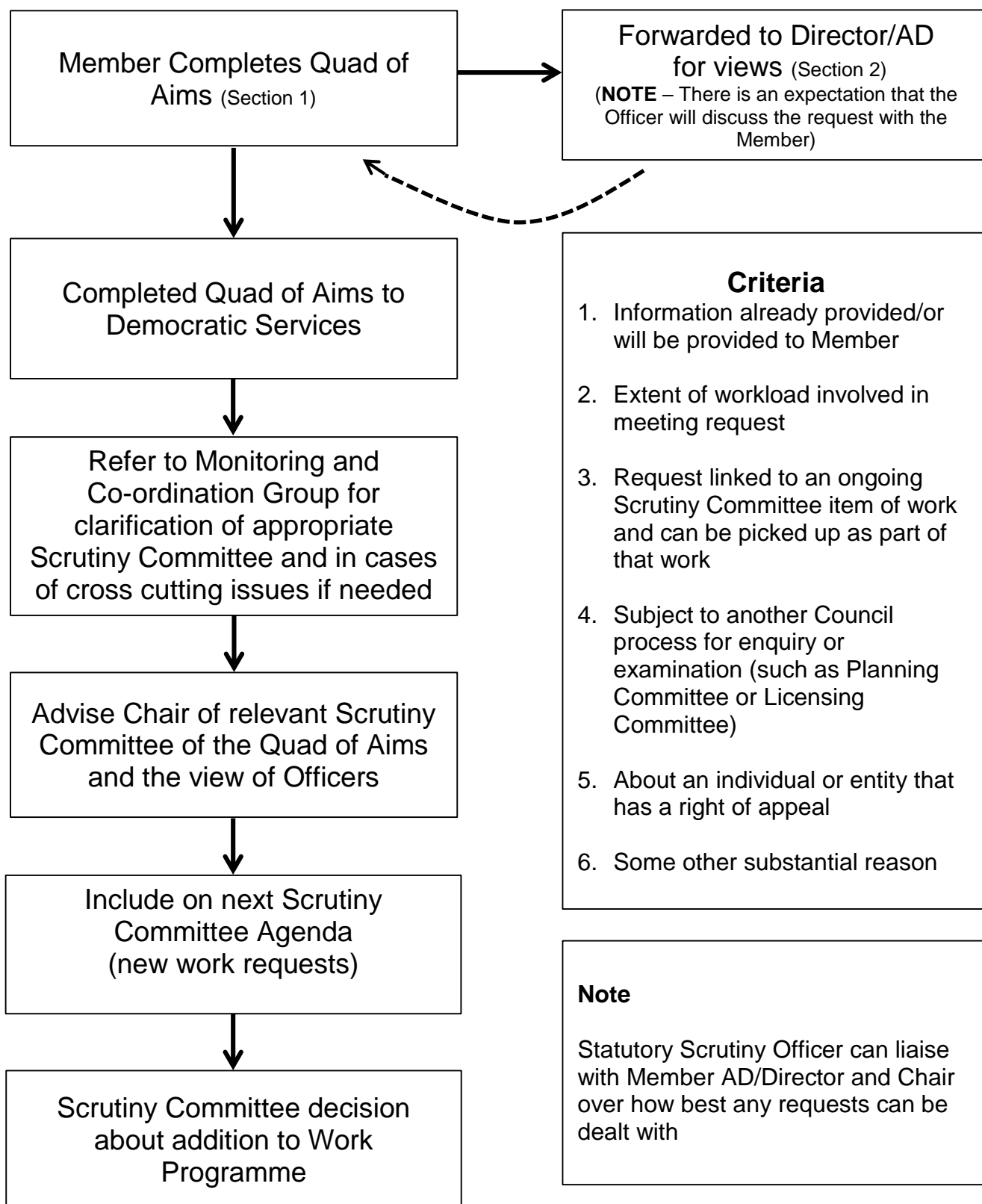
						SEND Strategy and Funding and SEND Travel Assistance Policy
<b>Childhood Obesity/ Oral Health/Mental Health Links</b>	<p>Review suspended –to examine childhood obesity and mental health links by monitoring the effectiveness of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan at a future date.</p> <p>Update report on the Healthy Weight Plan to Scrutiny on 3 February 2020.</p>		<p>Children with the best start in life</p> <p>Enough support for people when needed</p> <p>More People Healthy and Independent</p>	Build Strong Communities		<p>To investigate the high incidence of childhood obesity in Darlington and the associated links to poor dental health; and whether the desire to promote good ‘self image’ has an impact on mental health issues in young people.</p>
<b>Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24</b>	Special Meeting 13 January 2020	Elizabeth Davison	One Darlington Perfectly Placed	Spend Every Pound Wisely		To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan in relation to the areas within this Scrutiny’s remit

<b>Council Plan 2020/23</b>	Special Meeting on 13 January 2020	Paul Wildsmith				To consider the Council Plan
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## PROCESS FOR ADDING AN ITEM TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME



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# QUAD OF AIMS (MEMBERS' REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY SCRUTINY)

## SECTION 1 TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS

**NOTE** – This document should only be completed if there is a clearly defined and significant outcome from any potential further work. This document should **not** be completed as a request for or understanding of information.

REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)
PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)	HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

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Signed Councillor .....

Date .....

**SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS**  
**(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)**

	Criteria
1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? Yes ..... No ..... If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services) .....	1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member
(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so? .....	2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request
2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff? .....	3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work
3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that? .....	4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)
4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway? .....	5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal
5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal? .....	6. Some other substantial reason
6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme? .....	

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**Signed** ..... **Position** ..... **Date** .....

**PLEASE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**FORWARD PLAN  
FOR THE PERIOD: 1 JANUARY 2020 - 31 MAY 2020**



**What is a Forward Plan?**

The Forward Plan is a list of all of the decisions, which are due to be taken by Cabinet. The Plan also includes all Key Decisions to be taken by Cabinet, a Member of the Cabinet or a designated Officer in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulation 2012. It also gives notice of the decisions that are likely to be taken in private. These decisions need to be published on the Forward Plan at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken. The Plan is updated on an ad hoc basis, but at least once a month. It can be accessed on the Council website [www.darlington.gov.uk](http://www.darlington.gov.uk).

**What is a Key Decision?**

A key decision in the Council's constitution is defined as to:

1. result in the Borough Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
2. be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the Borough.

**What are the reasons that a report can be held in private?**

Whilst the majority of the Executive decisions listed in this Forward Plan will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will inevitably be some decisions to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially or personal information.

The Forward Plan is a formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that some of the decisions listed in this Forward Plan will be held in private because the report will contain exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (set out below) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:–

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- (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

### **Who takes Key Decisions?**

Under the Council's constitution, key decisions are taken by Cabinet.

### **Are only Key Decisions listed in the Forward Plan?**

The Council only has a statutory obligation to publish key decisions and decisions that are to be heard at a private meeting, however, all decisions to be taken by Cabinet are included on the plan to give Scrutiny Committees and the public an early indication of decisions to be made.

### **What does the Forward Plan tell me?**

The Plan gives information about:

- What decisions are coming up
- What key decisions are coming up
- When those decisions are likely to be made
- Which decisions will be held in private
- Who will make those decisions
- The relevant Scrutiny Committee that the decision relates to
- What consultation will be undertaken
- Whether the decision will be an open or closed report (and the reason why) (public and press are not allowed to access closed reports and will not be able to stay in the Cabinet meeting when a closed report is being considered)
- Who you can contact for further information

### **How to make representations**

Members of the public have a right to make representations to the Council, including whether they think that any items we are proposing to consider in private should be dealt with in public. The Council will consider any representations before a decision is taken.

Anyone who wishes to make representations to the decision maker about a particular matter should do so in writing, at least a week before it is due to be considered, either by letter or email to Lynne Wood using the contact details set out below.

### **How and who do I contact?**

Each entry in the Plan indicates the names of all the relevant people to contact about that particular item.

For general information about the decision-making process and for copies of any documents outlined in the Forward Plan please contact Lynne Wood, Elections Manager,

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Democratic Services, Resources Group, Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington, DL1 5QT. Tel: 01325 405803. Email: [lynne.wood@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:lynne.wood@darlington.gov.uk).

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**Title**

Rail Heritage Quarter

**Brief Description**

To present the outcome of work to date on the Rail Heritage Quarter, timeline for implementation and funding strategy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Significant amount of consultation taken place through the production of the Masterplan for the Rail Heritage Quarter. This will be on-going through the further development.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Master Planning Documents.

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**Title**

Capital Works required at Crown Street Library

**Brief Description**

Proposals for the refurbishment/restoration of Crown Street Library building

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

Park East

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

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**Title**

Capital Strategy and Capital Programme

**Brief Description**

To consider the Council's proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report, Capital Strategy and Capital Programme.

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**Title**

Medium Term Financial Plan

**Brief Description**

To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for consultation.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Full Consultation with Residents, staff, partners and Scrutiny Committees

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Medium Term Financial Plan.

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**Title**

Housing Revenue Account

**Brief Description**

To propose a Housing Revenue Account for consultation.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Meetings with Tenants Board.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and draft Housing Revenue Account.

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**Title**

Council Plan 2020/23

**Brief Description**

To consider the proposed Corporate Plan covering the period 2020 to 2024, and approve it for consultation.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Consultation will be undertaken in conjunction with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and will include information in the 'One Darlington' magazine, social media, online survey, scrutiny committees and Member engagement.

Members, Residents, Staff, Partners and Local Businesses.

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**Document to be submitted**  
Report and Draft Corporate Plan.

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**Title**

Permit System to Manage and Co-ordinate Roadworks

**Brief Description**

An update on work to develop a permit scheme for roadworks coordination that Councils across the country are being required to consider by the Department for Transport.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Meetings and correspondence with Statutory undertakers.

**Document to be submitted**

Cabinet Report



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**Title**

Schedule of Transactions

**Brief Description**

To consider the terms negotiated by the Director, on behalf of the Council, to enable contractually binding contracts to be completed.

(NOTE - this report is included on the agenda for each meeting of Cabinet but there are not always transactions to consider)

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Schedule of Transactions.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Darlington Crematorium Refurbishment - Update

**Brief Description**

To update Cabinet on the pre-planning consultation feedback for the Crematorium proposal.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Jan 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Leisure Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Objection to Waiting Restrictions in Banks Road

**Brief Description**

Objections received to the above proposal. Request to set aside objections.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

Red Hall and Lingfield

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Letter  
Businesses on Banks Road.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2020/21

**Brief Description**

To consider and approve the Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

E-mail.  
Internal consultees.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 3

**Brief Description**

To provide a summary of the latest Capital resource and commitment position, to inform monitoring of the affordability and funding of the Council's capital programme.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 3

**Brief Description**

To provide an up to date forecast of the revenue budget outturn as part of the Council's continuous financial management process.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Schools Admissions 2021/22

**Brief Description**

To consider the Local Authority's Admission Arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year for maintained schools.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Children and Young People Portfolio

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

Melanie Dickinson

**Department**

Childrens and Adults

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Meetings and e-mail.

Consultation with Parents, Schools, Religious Authorities and the Local Community.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Climate Change Cross Party Working Group

**Brief Description**

To provide Members with an update on the work of the Climate Change Cross Party Working Group.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report



**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Darlington Station Improvements and Growth Zone

**Brief Description**

To present Members with the proposed Darlington Station Improvements Project and the wider economic growth opportunities in the surrounding area, including Central Park, Cattle Market and Victoria Road

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

E-mail to Ward Councillors, briefing to all Members on 15 March 2017, press release and letter drop to local residents and businesses advising of public consultation event in Dolphin Centre.

The Masterplan for Station Improvement was presented for public consultation in March 2017 including Councillors.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Darlington Borough Local Plan 2016/36 - Publication Draft

**Brief Description**

To agree the final draft of the Local Plan to advertise for representations and ultimately submit for examination.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

4 Feb 2020

Council

26 Mar 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy and Regeneration Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Legal duty to seek representations prior to submission to Government for examination. Email and Letter and use of the Council's consultation portal.

All parties who were consulted at Regulation 18 stage and any party who made a representation at that stage.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Document to be submitted**  
Report and draft Local Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Medium Term Financial Plan

**Brief Description**

To recommend a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to Council for approval.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

11 Feb 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Full consultation with residents, staff, partners and the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Medium Term Financial Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Housing Revenue Account

**Brief Description**

To recommend the Housing Revenue Account to Council.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

11 Feb 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing Portfolio

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**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Meetings with Tenants Board.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Housing Revenue Account

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Capital Strategy and Capital Programme

**Brief Description**

To recommend a Capital Strategy and Capital Programme to Council for approval.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

11 Feb 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report, Capital Strategy and Capital Programme.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators

**Brief Description**

To consider the Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and providing a yearly review of the Council's borrowing and investment activities.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

11 Feb 2020

Council

20 Feb 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Reprot and Treasury Management Strategy.



**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Council Plan 2020/23

**Brief Description**

To consider the Council's Corporate Plan for 2020/24, following consultation, and recommend the Plan to Council for approval.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2020

Council

26 Mar 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader of the Council

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Consultation will be undertaken in conjunction with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and will include information in the 'One Darlington' magazine, social media, online survey, scrutiny committees and Member engagement.

Members, Residents, Staff, Partners and Local Businesses.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Document to be submitted**  
Report and Corporate Plan.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Local Transport Plan

**Brief Description**

Update 2019/20 delivery of the Transport Programme including annual monitoring data, Transport Programme for 2020/21 and progress on the Local Implementation Plan.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Local Services Portfolio

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

Sue Dobson

**Department**

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Local Transport Plan.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Education Services Capital Programme

**Brief Description**

Request to release capital funds for the maintained school's summer capital works.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Children and Young People Portfolio

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**Department**

Childrens and Adults

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Consultation will be undertaken as part of the MTPF  
Schools

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000

**Brief Description**

To inform and update Members about issues relevant to the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and recent developments.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

**Brief Description**

To consider the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Darlington.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

28 Apr 2020

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Children and Young People Portfolio

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**Department**

Childrens and Adults

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process and Consultees**

Meetings

Consultation with Primary and Secondary Schools in Darlington.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

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## JOINT REVIEW GROUP TO EXAMINE AUTISM PROVISION WITHIN DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)
<p>To review and understand the provisions and services and contractual arrangements between this Council and our providers who provide the Autism provisions, diagnoses and support services for Darlington.</p> <p>To ascertain that the best services possible are provided for the benefit of individuals on the autistic spectrum to enable them to thrive. To hold ourselves and our partner organisations accountable for the services provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from relevant partner organisations, for example (and not limited to) Durham Constabulary, DDFS, TEWV, NHS, CCG, CQC, NEAS etc.</li> <li>• Relevant Council Officers where necessary</li> <li>• Independent advisor(s) where necessary.</li> </ul>
PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)	HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examine organisations, partners and the services they provide.</li> <li>2. Make an evaluation of the benefits to individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their carers of the services provided and investigate their effectiveness and value to the service users.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing accountability via scrutiny of partners who provide services and provision. Ongoing scrutiny of any arrangements between partners, and partners and service users to provide assurance that they are in the best interest of the service users.</li> <li>2. Any reasonable recommendations for improvements outlined by ongoing investigation and scrutiny to be given reasonable consideration.</li> </ol>



## SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)

	<b>No</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
<p>1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?</p> <p><b>No, however previous work has been undertaken by the Adults Scrutiny Committee.</b></p>	<b>No</b>	<p>1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member</p> <p>2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request</p> <p>3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work</p> <p>4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)</p> <p>5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal</p> <p>6. Some other substantial reason</p>
<p>2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?</p> <p><b>Head of Service, however Members would be expected to undertake research/fact finding work themselves</b></p>		
<p>3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?</p> <p><b>No</b></p>		
<p>4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?</p> <p><b>No</b></p>		
<p>5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?</p> <p><b>No</b></p>		

<p>6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme?</p> <p><b>No, this is a topic of great interest across the committees so it is work that will be welcomed.</b></p>	
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Signed ..... Position ..... Date .....