

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda



**9.30 am Monday, 4 January 2021
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1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 2 November 2020 (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Medium Term Financial Plan –
Report of the Chief Officers Executive.

(Would Members please bring their copy of the MTFP which has been previously circulated)

(Pages 7 - 68)

5. Darlington Parent Carer Forum Report - Together for Better –
Report of the Darlington Parent Carer Forum
(Pages 69 - 94)
6. Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2020/21 –
Report of the Acting Director of Children and Adult Services
(Pages 95 - 106)

7. Children and Young People's Plan 2017-22 - Progress Report –
Report of the Acting Director of Children and Adult Services
(Pages 107 - 114)
8. Performance Indicators Quarter 2 2020/21 –
Report of the Acting Director of Children and Adult Services
(Pages 115 - 122)
9. Work Programme –
Report of the Managing Director
(Pages 123 - 144)
10. 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
11. Questions



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Tuesday, 22 December 2020

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

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

Statutory Co-optees

Malcolm Frank and Carly Spence

Non Statutory Co-optees

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

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 2 November 2020

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

STATUTORY CO-OPTees – Carly Spence

NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTees – Nick Lindsay and John Armitage

APOLOGIES – Councillor Clarke and Tim Fisher

ABSENT – Malcolm Frank, Maura Regan, Glenis Harrison and Janet Woodcock

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Dulston (Stronger Communities Portfolio), Ann Baxter (Independent Chair, Darlington Safeguarding Partnership), Vicky Davidson-Boyd (Adoption Tees Valley) and Katherine Cowell (Regional Schools Commissioner North East)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jane Kochanowski (Assistant Director of Children's Services), Allison Hill (Democratic Officer) and Tony Murphy (Head of Education and Inclusion)

CYP9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

CYP10 MINUTES

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 29 June and 13 July 2020; and the informal meeting held on 7 September 2020.

Matters arising were in relation to school attendance, and Members were advised that this is still above the national average; questioned when the use of 'reasonable endeavours' to allow for local authorities to discharge their duties throughout the pandemic ceased, and were advised that this ceased in September; and regarding digital inclusion to allow for all children to have access to laptops and wi-fi questioned if there was enough resource to meet demands for this equipment, especially during periods of isolation (Ref CYP8/Jul/20 refers).

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of this Scrutiny Committee held on 29 June and 13 July, and the informal meeting held on 7 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

CYP11 ACADEMY TRUSTS

Katherine Cowell, the Regional Schools Commissioner for the North attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the role of the Regional School Commissioner in relation to academies, free schools and place planning, Opportunity North East and

school improvement.

The presentation provided an oversight of the academies in Darlington Local Authority, including the size of the trusts that operate in the Darlington; highlighted strong trust characteristics to provide positive outcomes for children, support strong financial health and provide expert governance; outlined data in relation to school performance by local authority area; and highlighted the Teaching Vacancy Service and Early Career Framework to support new teachers across their first two years of teaching.

The Regional School Commissioner also advised Scrutiny Members how Opportunity North East was supporting Darlington by five challenges which included transition to support more young people to continue to do well in secondary education; the ONE Vision Schools Improvement Programme; supporting Maths departments in 30 secondary schools through a package of support development by the regions two Maths Hubs to improve the quality of maths teaching; encouraging young people to find a pathway to a good career via a programme of work to engage with businesses to identify work/training activities for pupils; and expanding the FutureMe programme to encourage young people to progress to higher education.

Members were advised that as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, Trust Reviews had been paused and reviews undertaken to measure the longer term impact of the pandemic and the Regional School Commissioner confirmed that the engagement and support from schools had been excellent.

Members questioned how much influence the Regional School Commissioner can have in relation to the Careers Challenge referred to above and were advised that the Board oversees the programme along with the local authority, schools and universities that sit on the Board and can raise any issues with local enterprise organisations.

The Chair also raised Members concerns about disadvantaged students and asked for reassurance that the Department for Education were focused on the disadvantaged. The Regional School Commissioner confirmed that through Opportunity North East support was being offered to schools that may be struggling and that her team speak to other local authorities in the North and schools on a daily basis and all feedback is fed into contingency planning.

The Chair also offered feedback from Members into the team and to offer their support, which the Regional School Commissioner welcomed and offered to provide Members with updates from Opportunity North East.

RESOLVED – That the thanks of this Scrutiny Committee be extended to the Regional School Commissioner for attending the meeting and for her interesting and informative presentation.

CYP12 ADOPTION TEES VALLEY ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley presented Adoption Tees Valley (ATV) Annual Report 2019/20 and outlined the work that had been undertaken across the Tees Valley during 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020.

Adoption Tees Valley commenced operating as a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) on the 1 May 2018 bringing together the former Local Authority Adoption Agency services of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton.

The submitted report outlined the embedding of the practice, procedures, and systems for delivery of the adoption service to the Tees Valley Local Authorities; outlined the continued development of adoption in Tees Valley and new ways of working by listening to the views of adopters and those who use the service; and the expansion of the Adopter Partnership Forum.

The Service Manager advised Members how the Coronavirus pandemic had affected the service since March 2020 but that adoption work was able to continue throughout lockdown; outlined what had gone well and the key challenges; provided some case studies and benchmarking data for adoption across the Tees Valley; outlined the work undertaken by the Marketing Officer over the last year; advised Members of the ongoing recruitment process and timescales for assessment of prospective adopters and detailed the preparation training provided by the Service; outlined the role of the Adoption Panel which had been increasing; detailed work in relation to Non-agency adoptions; the embedded procedure for all 5 Local Authorities with ATV that children are referred at the earliest point at which adoption may become their plan: Early Notification; the increase in the numbers of children who are placed for adoption including a profile of those children; and highlighted the level of support available to adoptive families.

The submitted report also detailed staffing levels within the service; the Quality Assurance mechanisms in place for managing and monitoring the work of the agency, and the quality of work; outlined Service Plans for 2020/21; and detailed the ATV shared budget including the general budget and the interagency budget.

Members referred to the number of children from ethnic minority backgrounds adopted from care and in particular the numbers of families approved from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) heritage and discussed how to promote the needs of black and minority ethnic (BME) children; queried evidence these children generally wait longer for a suitable adopter; questioned the benefits and potential drawbacks of Early Permanence carers; and requested the reasons why there were occasions when children have a revocation of their adoption plan.

The Chair requested that future annual reports contain governance information so that Scrutiny Members can be assured that the Lead Members of the authority are being represented on the Regional Adoption Agency Board and thanked Vicky Davidson-Boyd for attending the meeting and also for the work of the ATV.

RESOLVED –That the 2019/20 Annual report of Adoption Tees Valley be noted.

CYP13 DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIPS ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

The Director of Children and Adult Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to consider the Annual Report of the

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership for 2019/20 and to comment thereon.

Ann Baxter, Independent Chair of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership attended the meeting to outline the Annual Report, which was a statutory requirement to account for the Partnership's achievements over the previous year and to make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area.

It was reported that the 2019/20 Annual Report was the first report provided by the Partnership under the new safeguarding arrangements for children and adults and outlined what the Partnership had done over the period April 2019 to March 2020, drawing upon a range of data and information to illustrate the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements.

It was noted that there had been challenges in establishing a joint partnership, however partners had fully embraced this new opportunity with the aim of strengthening and developing partnership working to keep children, young people and adults with needs for care and support safe.

Nick Lindsay, the 11-19 Partnership representative highlighted that although education was not a statutory partner, education in Darlington had been given a voice and acknowledged the support of all education settings in the development of change.

The Independent Chair confirmed the strong partnerships with the education settings and also referred to the challenge that the Covid-19 pandemic had on everyone in Darlington towards the end of the reporting period and acknowledged the longer term challenge to see how all partners had worked together to keep people safe during this time.

Discussion ensued on the Annual Report and Members referred to Elective Home Education (EEE) and in particular in respect of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) community, which forms the largest single ethnic minority group in County Durham and Darlington.

Tony Murphy, the Head of Education and Inclusion acknowledged the increase in EEE and advised that this was a national issue and that the authority were working with the Traveller Service to address this issue; and John Armitage, the Service Lead confirmed the work that was being undertaken on a daily basis with the aim of reducing the amount of elective home education in conjunction with the Partnership and schools/academies across the borough.

A Member also asked a question in relation to the Multi-Agency Self-Assessment Audit 2019/20 regarding the principles of safeguarding that were reported as generally embedded in practice. The Independent Chair confirmed that the majority of partners did acknowledge the importance of ensuring compliance with the audit and they could demonstrate appropriate safeguarding arrangements were in place, however agreed that improvements could always be made towards raising the profile of safeguarding.

RESOLVED – That the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report for

2019/20 be noted.

CYP14 PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 2020/21

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 1 (April to June) 2020/21 performance information in line with an indicator set agreed by the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group and subsequently by each individual Scrutiny Committee.

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 16.7 per cent of re-referrals were repeated within 12 months, which was better than the target of 18 per cent; 100 per cent of children with a Child Protection Plan and 100 per cent of Children Looked After had been allocated to a qualified social worker; 89.7 per cent of Initial Child Protection Conferences were held within 15 workings, which remains higher than statistical neighbours; 93.6 per cent of children received a statutory Child Protection (CP) visit within 10 working days, above the target of 90 per cent and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (81.9 per cent); 94.3 per cent of statutory children in care visits were completed within timescale; 6.5 per cent (19/291) of Children in Care, as at June 2020, had three or more placements within the previous 12 months which is below the internal target, the national target, statistical neighbour and regional averages and an improvement on the 13 per cent as at June 2019; 29.6 per cent of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET); and 100 per cent were in suitable accommodation.

The areas highlighted for focus were in respect of referrals screened and completed within one day which was below the target of 90 per cent at 79.8 per cent but also recognised that changes at the front door in March 2020 would have contributed to the figures in this quarter; timeliness of assessments was 74.7 per cent which was below the target of 90 per cent and the reasons for this were being analysed and monitored by the Head of Service although it was recognised that the data was reflective of Covid 19 restrictions put in place in March 2020; the number of children in care has increased to 291 and continues to be closely managed; 69.9 per cent (51/73) of children due a review health assessment in Q1 2020/21 had one completed, which was an improvement on the 60.4 per cent at the end of June 2019; and as a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 4.3 per cent of children in care that were due a dental check assessment have had one completed.

Members discussed in particular what could be done to improve the target of referrals screened and completed within one day which was below target; and how to improve the number of children completing a dental health check.

RESOLVED – That the performance information reported for Quarter 1 be noted.

CYP15 WORK PROGRAMME

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Scrutiny Committee's work programme and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included in the previously approved work programme

The Chair proposed that Members give consideration to ways to carry out a Review of how children and young people are coping in the current climate and to include areas of food poverty, mental health and education.

Members also agreed that elective home education be included in the work programme.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

CYP16 QUESTIONS

A question was raised by the Chair in relation to the potential increase in the nitrate oxide abuse amongst young people in Darlington. Following discussion, Members shared their concerns at the number of silver canisters that are being found discarded within their wards and felt that this issue needed further investigation.

The Assistant Director of Children's Services advised Members that after undertaking some internal investigations with Children's Services MASH/YOS and SWITCH, there was no evidence to suggest referrals were increasing with regard to children and young people using opiates and ecstasy.

Councillor Dulston, Cabinet Member with the Stronger Communities portfolio confirmed that this was an area of concern and there was physical evidence around the town however the reporting was low.

Members of this Scrutiny Committee agreed that the Chief Constable be contacted for a formal response to the concerns raised.

**CABINET
08 DECEMBER 2020**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Heather Scott
Leader and all Cabinet Members**

Responsible Director – Chief Officers Executive

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2021/22 to 2024/25 including setting a budget and council tax increase for 2021/22.

Summary

2. The Council has faced significant challenges over the last decade following the economic downturn and reduction in public sector spending. To date, the Council has been successful in responding to these challenges but this is becoming increasingly difficult, particularly in respect of a growing elderly population; pressure in the children's social care sector and of course the major economic impact of Covid-19 which has had a direct impact on the Council's finances this year and will undoubtedly be felt for a number of years to come. We must therefore press ahead with our top priority of growing Darlington's Economy and continue to be creative and find innovative ways of working.
3. In the 2020 spending review, delivered on 25 November, the Chancellor made reference to a number of funding streams in respect of Social Care grant, Covid-19 support, the continuation of Revenue Support Grant and an Adult Social Care precept. As this report has been prepared before the Local Government Finance Settlement, a number of assumptions in regard to government funding have been made. Any changes following the announcement will be reported to Cabinet in February.
4. The Council undertook a significant consultation exercise in 2016 following an in-depth and detailed review of all services which resulted in the agreement of a Core Offer budget which allowed for a small fund allocated to discretionary services. Furthermore, in subsequent MTFP's Members following consultation agreed to use unallocated balances of £6.5m to invest in five areas which hold great value to our community and encourage economic growth, they were;
 - (a) Community Safety
 - (b) Maintain an attractive street scene environment
 - (c) Maintaining a vibrant town centre
 - (d) Developing an attractive visitor economy
 - (e) Neighbourhood renewal

5. The Core offer remains challenging with some significant pressures arising in social care and the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Nevertheless, assuming the funding streams in paragraph 3 are received and agreed and through tight financial management, innovative financial investments and increased income from economic growth successes, the Council can still deliver the agreed balanced plan, finance the MTFP a further year to 2024/25 whilst retaining usable balances of £3.504m.
6. In summary, if the recommendations are agreed the Council's financial position is robust with a four-year balanced MTFP and funds available for investment which will be delegated to Cabinet.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that Cabinet approve for consultation, the Revenue MTFP as set out in **Appendix 7** including the following;
 - (a) Council tax increase of 1.99% plus a 3% Adult Social Care Precept to help fund social care for 2021/22 totalling 4.99%.
 - (b) The Schedule of Charges as set out in **Appendix 3**
 - (c) The Futures Fund continuation into 2024/25 as set out in paragraph 56.

Reasons

8. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) The Council must set a budget for the next financial year.
 - (b) To enable the Council to continue to plan services and finances over the medium term.
 - (c) To ensure decisions can be made in a timely manner.

Chief Officers Executive

Background Papers

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

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The report contains proposals to continue to allocate resources in support of the Council's Crime and Disorder responsibilities
Health and Well Being	The report contains proposals to continue to allocate resources in support of the Council's Health and Well Being responsibilities
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	The proposals in the report seek to continue to support the Council's responsibilities and ambitions to reduce carbon impact in the Council and the Borough.
Diversity	There are no specific proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected
Groups Affected	All groups are affected by the Council Tax increase.
Budget and Policy Framework	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Key Decision	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Urgent Decision	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Within the constraints of available resources it is necessary for the Council to make decisions involving prioritisation. The proposals contained in this report are designed to support delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy, and the Council Plan within those constraints.
Efficiency	Efficiency savings which do not affect service levels have been included in the MTFP.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Children's social care continues to be resourced to provide good outcomes for Looked after Children or Care Leavers.

MAIN REPORT

Background and context

9. The Council has faced significant financial challenges over the last decade as the Government responded to the worldwide economic downturn by introducing public sector spending reductions. This was exacerbated by a growing demand for services, particularly in relation to social care, both Adults and Children's services. As a result, an in-depth review of all service provision was undertaken in 2016 following a need to reduce the budget by a further £12m, and a significant consultation exercise was held with the public. This resulted in the agreement of a Core Offer budget, which reduced expenditure and services to a risk based minimum level with a small investment fund of £2.5m per annum for services which the Council does not have to provide, but which add great value to Darlington and its residents.
10. Subsequently following good progress made on achieving savings, strong cost management and innovative treasury initiatives over the following years the Council was in a position to add to the futures fund and unallocated balances of £6.5m were invested in the following five areas which hold great value to our community and are consistent with the councils priorities in particular the key priority of Growing Darlington's economy:-
 - (a) Community Safety
 - (b) Maintain an attractive street scene environment
 - (c) Maintaining a vibrant town centre
 - (d) Developing an attractive visitor economy
 - (e) Neighbourhood renewal
11. The funds are being utilised as expected to make positive change, the progress of which is detailed later in the report.
12. The core offer budget plus the futures fund as noted above is the starting position for this year's MTFP.
13. This year the Coronavirus pandemic has brought further considerable challenge and Darlington is facing significant pressures on its expenditure budgets and more significantly on its income streams. The impact is across the board but being particularly felt across leisure and culture facilities that have been required to close; on car parking revenues and reductions in council tax income as housebuilding slowed in the early part of the year along with an increase in Local Council Tax support claimants, all of which are having a major effect. The Government have provided support in the form of various grants in 2020/21 which have been helpful in sustaining services, the spending review also suggested there would be some Covid-19 support in 2021/22, at this stage there is no clarity on what this may be. It is clear however the financial and economic impact will be ongoing into future years. .
14. It is therefore very challenging to predict expenditure and income levels moving forward so best estimates have been used and assumptions made on the impact of Covid-19 on budgets in 2021/22. For future years it is assumed income and expenditure levels will return to normal from 2022/23 onwards and no further Government Covid-19 funding is received.

Financial Analysis

Projected Expenditure

15. Estimates attached at **Appendix 1** have been prepared based on current service levels and include known pressures and efficiencies which are summarised below and detailed in **Appendix 2**. The most significant are however discussed in the following paragraphs. Assumptions used when preparing the estimates are set out at **Appendix 4**.

<u>Summary of Pressures</u>	Estimate 2021/22 £m	Estimate 2022/23 £m	Estimate 2023/24 £m	Estimate 2024/25 £m
Efficiencies/Savings offsetting pressures	(2.757)	(2.994)	(2.786)	(2.892)
Service Demand	1.609	1.744	1.918	2.077
Price Inflation	0.318	0.912	1.352	2.152
Reduced Income	0.034	0.018	0.019	0.020
Other	0.124	0.105	0.106	0.107
Current Savings Shortfalls	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011
COVID-19 pressures	3.119	0.645	0.625	0.418
	2.458	0.441	1.245	1.893

16. **Efficiencies/Savings** – there are significant anticipated savings over the life of the MTFP of £11m. The largest of which comes from increased investment returns from the two new Joint Venture companies Darlington has formed with ESH construction to build houses. Along with the profits comes a positive financing return from the loans made to the companies which are provided on state aid rates.
17. Further savings continue in street lighting electricity charges following the replacement columns, from lower borrowing costs, inflation being lower than initially anticipated and there has also been reduction in Business rates on Council properties following revaluation.
18. **Service demand** – the most significant pressure in this category is an increase anticipated for adults with learning and physical disabilities. Whilst the numbers are not high the package costs per placement are significant.
19. Disabilities and the increase in children coming into the local authority has put pressures on both staffing levels and the adoption budget. This pressure is being felt across the country with most Councils' reporting overspends in this area. The Council has been awarded a £1.2m grant from the DfE to assist in transforming social care practice within Darlington and the team is working in partnership with Leeds City Council who have already been through this process. The ultimate aim is to improve outcomes for children, focus on prevention and reducing the number of children who need to come into care and ultimately reduce the budget pressure.

20. We have a number of contracts relating to care leavers, missing from home and safer families and homelessness where demand has increased and/or no inflation has been provided over the last few years. These contracts provide vital services and if they were not continued would undoubtedly increase demand in children's services and ultimately higher costs. There is pressure in School transport due to an increase in the number of children the local authority is required to transport to school.
21. **Inflation** – our domiciliary social care contracts are linked to various inflation factors, the main one being the national living wage which is anticipated to be higher than amount provided for in our expenditure budgets, additional funding is therefore required for our social care providers and direct payment clients.
22. **COVID-19** – the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on the Councils expenditure and income budgets. To date the government has responded with help to offset a large proportion of these pressures. It is clear the pressures will extend into futures years, in particular the impact on our economy and the subsequent impact on Council tax and business rate income. An estimate has been made on the direct service impact in 2021/22 with the assumption it will return to normal in 2022/23. The recent spending review suggested there would be further Covid-19 funding in 2021/22 however there is no detail on what this maybe at this point in time. An assumption has been made on the continuation of the Sales, fee and charges recompense grant for three months and this is detailed in paragraph 30.

Total Expenditure

23. Taking the above savings and pressures into account the projected expenditure is shown in the table below: -

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Children and Adult Services	61.026	63.497	65.465	67.672
Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services	24.322	22.660	23.368	24.241
Resources	10.525	10.916	11.089	11.310
Financing costs	0.823	0.956	2.921	2.933
Investment Returns	(1.546)	(1.286)	(1.349)	(1.632)
Council Wide Pressures/(savings)	(0.550)	(0.557)	(0.573)	(0.584)
Council Wide Contingencies *	0.525	0.525	1.512	1.512
Total Expenditure	95.125	96.711	102.433	105.452

* Includes apprentice levy and previously agreed risk contingency for provision ordinary residency costs in Adult services along with a provision for pensions following the triennial review in 2023/24.

Projected Income

Spending Review and Finance Settlement.

24. The 2020 Spending Review was announced on 25 November and whilst the specific detail in relation to Darlington's funding won't be known until the finance settlement, anticipated mid-December, assumptions have been made as detailed in the following paragraphs and will be updated in the MTFP proposal at the February 2021 Cabinet meeting.
25. The settlement is likely be for one year only given the uncertainty of Covid-19 and therefore the following three years are based on the same assumptions used in 2021/22 using best estimates given the most up to date information available. All assumptions are summarised in **Appendix 4** and detailed in the relevant sections below, however the overriding principle is that we will receive a cash equivalent grants funding for all government funding streams unless otherwise stated.

Core Grant funding to Local Government

26. **Revenue Support Grant (RSG)** has become a reducing element of the Council core funding over recent years and we were anticipating a further reduction in 2020/21 which didn't materialise. In the 2020/21 MTFP we anticipated the funding would continue over the life of the MTFP and have made the same assumption this year. It has been confirmed in the spending review that RSG will continue into 2021/22.
27. **New Homes Bonus (NHB)** is included in core Government funding as it is top sliced from RSG. However, in the last three Local Government Finance Settlements, there have been changes to the formula whereby a national baseline of 0.4% was set, the payment for each property was reduced from 6 years to 4 years and latterly that no new payments are made going forward with only legacy payments paid up until 2022/23. The spending review noted the NHB would continue for a further year without legacy payments, clarity is being sort on the effect for Darlington and any changes will be updated in the February report. For reporting purposes existing estimates are used and payments stop after 2022/23.
28. **Better Care fund** - Members will recall that previous year changes to the NHB scheme along with the reduction in RSG funded the Improved Better Care Fund which was separate to the funding stream allocated direct to the NHS. This was in recognition that Councils were under significant pressure in regard to social care funding, it was initially a three-year pot but continued in 2020/21 as core funding. The spending review confirmed this will continue into 2021/22 and for estimate purposes it has been assumed this funding will continue over the life of the MTFP given it is part of the core funding settlement.
29. **Social Care funding** - In recognition of the significant pressures being faced by Councils in social care due to the growing elderly population and increases in children looked after, the Chancellor announced access for Councils to an additional £1 billion for social care for 2021/22. £300m in Social Care grant and £700m through an Adult Social Care precept. Darlington's allocation of the £300m won't be known until the settlement however an assumption has been made based on previous allocations and has been included at £0.550m for one year along with the same level of grant received last year which is assumed to continue into future

years. It is also assumed **the Winter Pressures funding** received in the last two years is mainstreamed into the core baseline funding.

30. **Sales, Fees and Charges recompense scheme and Troubled Families Grant** – the spending review confirmed the Troubled Families Grant will continue into 2021/22 at £0.503m and there will also be a continuation of the Sales, Fees and Charges recompense scheme from April to June 2021. It is estimated this will be £0.616m. Due to the very short time between the spending review announcement and the Cabinet papers being dispatched this income has been included as a one line entry SR20 in the table below at para 41.

Council Tax Income

31. Due to reduction and reliance on Government funding over the last ten years, Council Tax is now by far the largest single funding stream and will increase further as a percentage over the coming years representing 61% of projected resources anticipated by 2024/25. The on-going increases reflect the Cabinet’s view that income from Council Tax needs to increase to protect key services. Members will recall that a 1% increase in Council Tax equates to an annual revenue of £0.520m.

The Council Tax referendum limit has been set at 2% for 2021/22 and this MTFP assumes a council tax increase of 1.99% for 2021/22 and across the rest of the MTFP. In addition, as noted in paragraph 29, Local Authorities have been given access to additional social care funding through an adult social care precept of 3% in 2021/22, this is in recognition of the extreme pressure councils are facing, particularly in regard to demand and the increasing demographic of older people and rises in people with complex needs. Adult social care is by far our largest overall budget and the precept is required to help in funding the on-going sustainability of the service. The precept is on top of the 1.99% Council Tax so the overall increase for 2021/22 would be 4.99%.

32. The Council Tax base has been affected by Covid-19 firstly due to the increase in Local Council Tax support claimants and also the reduction in housebuilding in the earlier part of the year. Moving forward Planning estimates anticipate growth levels to be an average of 433 band D equivalent properties over the period of this plan which is a growth on the tax base of 1.08% per annum, lower than anticipated in the current MTFP due to the ongoing effect of Covid-19. These figures have been used to prepare the estimates; clearly should this be any different income levels will differ. The collection rate (of collectable debt) is anticipated to remain at 99% in 2021/22, but as mentioned previously other factors are impacting on the overall income levels.
33. Taking the above into account Council Tax income over the period of this plan is estimated as follows:-

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Total Council Tax anticipated	55.030	56.809	58.594	60.643

National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

34. The Council retains 49% of NNDR collected and can gain or lose depending on whether the net tax collected increases or decreases. The Government via the valuation office sets rateable values and the rate paid in the pound is increased each year in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The business tax-base is far more volatile than the council tax base and requires very close monitoring. In addition to the potential to “lose” income due to business closures the Council also carries the risk of losing appeals by businesses against valuations. This is even more significant during and post Covid-19 and there will undoubtedly be an effect on the economy and business rates moving forward unless further support is provided to businesses.
35. For MTFP purposes a pressure has been included in the projections for 2021/22 onwards due to a reduction in CPI which at September stood at 0.5% and on which the NNDR multiplier is based and subsequently impacts on the Council’s income levels, previous assumptions had been a 2% increase in CPI in 2021/22.
36. Members will recall one of the three conditions identified to help the Council tackle the reduction of government grant and increasing service demand was to grow the economy. This is the key priority in the Council Plan and the Economic Strategy gives priority to increasing business within the borough and significant effort has been put into achieving growth. This has been rewarded with a positive net increase in current and projected NNDR collected over the MTFP. Sites such as Symmetry Park and the Horizon Centre are all contributing to the growth. Notwithstanding these major developments, attracting businesses into the Town by their very nature takes time and upfront investment, particularly in these challenging times, so this is an area which needs continued prioritisation and pump prime funding so growth can continue. It needs to be remembered that net growth in NNDR collected relies on growth outstripping revaluations and reductions which can be very challenging in the current economy.
37. The in-year collection rate target for NNDR is 98.0% and as at the end of October 2020 is 65.2% and on track to achieve the target.
38. Taking the above into account the projections of NNDR are shown below

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Business Rates retained locally	19.016	19.318	19.697	20.075

Collection Fund

39. The Collection Fund account reflects the statutory requirements for the Council to maintain a separate Fund in relation to the operation of Council Tax and the Business Rates Retention Scheme (BRRS). The Fund records all of the transactions for billing in respect of Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) and Council Tax, exemptions and discounts granted, provision for bad debts and appeals and payments made to the Council’s General Fund, the Police and Fire and Rescue precept authorities and Central Government. There is an identified deficit given the impact of COVID-19 noted previously and these have been taken account of in the proposed MTFP. The Chancellor has recognised the impact Covid-19 has had on

the ability to collect revenue in these areas and in the Spending Review committed to fund 75% of the 2020/21 deficit. The overall impact on 2020/21 won't be known until the new financial year, however an estimate based on current knowledge has been included and added to our reserves figure as due to the technical nature of the fund it will be paid as a grant and not directly into the collection fund.

Other Grants

40. Set out below are the estimated specific grants which as the title suggests are for specific areas of expenditure as dictated by the government and cannot be used for other areas. The main one being the Public Health ring fenced grant. These grants are included in service estimates at Appendix 1.

	2021/22
	£m
Public Health Grant	8.401
PFI Grant	3.200
Strengthening Families Grant	0.600
Youth Justice Board	0.223
Local Reform & Community Voices	0.057
Adult & Community Learning	1.385
Staying Put	0.050
Community Engagement & Community	
Crime Grant	0.019
Heritage Action Zone	0.046
Towns Fund	0.016
Bus Service Operators Grant	0.009
Denes Restoration	0.014
	14.020

Total Income

41. The table below summaries the Council's estimated income for the period of this plan which thanks to the increase in social care funding, continued economic growth and house building activity, and the subsequent increases in council tax and NNDR, confirms a much-needed increase in income given our expenditure pressures.

Resources - Projected and assumed	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Council Tax	55.030	56.809	58.594	60.643
Business rates retained locally	19.016	19.318	19.697	20.075
Top Up Grant	7.340	7.457	7.603	7.749
RSG	3.614	3.614	3.614	3.614
New Homes Bonus	0.717	0.425	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund	4.356	4.356	4.356	4.356
Adult Social Care Support Grant	3.502	2.952	2.952	2.952
SR20 additional Government funding	1.119	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Resources	94.694	94.931	96.816	99.389

Projected MTFP

42. Set out in the table below are the projections based on the income and expenditure analysis discussed in the previous sections along with the required use of balances over the period. The projections assume additional futures funding for ongoing commitments in 2024/25 is agreed and allocated as noted in paragraph 57.

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Estimated Expenditure	92.667	96.270	101.188	103.559
Add Pressures / Additional savings	2.458	0.441	1.245	1.893
	95.125	96.711	102.433	105.452
Projected Total Resources	(94.694)	(94.931)	(96.816)	(99.389)
Projected budget (surplus)/deficit	0.431	1.780	5.617	6.063
Utilisation of balances	(0.431)	(1.780)	(5.617)	(6.063)
Total	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Futures Fund

43. As noted earlier the Council allocated £6.5m to the futures fund, a mix of one-off funding across five themes (£4.1m) and an ongoing revenue stream for Community Safety and Maintaining an Attractive Street Scene Environment (£2.4m).
44. The fund is being used to support the core offer budget, in particular areas which will help grow Darlington's Economy through keeping the borough clean, safe and healthy whilst valuing our heritage and culture, alongside working with communities to maximise their potential.
45. To date £3.401m has been committed to the themes with a balance of £0.699m remaining. A summary of commitments is noted below.

Futures Fund - Theme 1 - Community Safety (£0.950m)

46. £0.931m of the fund has been committed, £0.866m on staffing across the six years. This is to improve resilience and robustness in the team particularly as community safety is a key priority for the Council. £0.065m was for the purchase of a mobile CCTV camera and deployment over the years.

Futures Fund - Theme 2 – Maintaining an Attractive Street Environment (£0.500m)

47. £0.180m has been allocated to employ an arboriculture team leader to help address the increasing workload in regard to trees. £0.100m for a street orderly concentrating on keeping the arterial roads and areas into Darlington clean, £0.051m on a back-lane crew to help tackle fly tipping and £0.055m on trees in the town centre. The remaining funding has not been committed yet. The core funding allocation of £0.300m per annum has made a significant impact on the street environment. Grass cutting returned to a 12-15 day cycle which improved the look of the borough over the summer period and more frequent cleanses and litter picks have made a noticeable difference. Floral displays helped in achieving the Northumbria in bloom awards accolades.

Futures Fund - Theme 3 – Maintaining a Vibrant Town Centre (£1.5m)

48. The Town Centre faces a number of challenges as do many towns across the country due to the increase in on-line shopping and out of town retailing. £1.170m of the funding has been committed across a number of areas including a one of grant to the House of Fraser to facilitate the store remaining open following the financial difficulties they faced and the announcement of store closures across the country. The fund is also supporting a full Town Centre events programme such as the Festival of Ingenuity, Pride and the Ice Sculpture installations all of which encourage footfall.

Futures Fund - Theme 4 – Developing an Attractive Visitor Economy (0.500m)

49. £0.283m has been committed against this theme including Heritage Action zone funding and the development of live stream events and a feasibility study exhibition of early locomotives for the 2025 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. The uncommitted amount will be used to further pump prime investment and match fund initiatives on these and other culture opportunities.

Futures Fund - Theme 5 – Neighbourhood Renewal (0.650m)

50. One of the Council priorities is to work with communities to maximise their potential and enjoy a good quality of life. The funding in this theme is aimed at assisting with this priority and £0.632m has been allocated to various initiatives including £0.050m to the Darlington Credit Union to enable them to continue work in addressing financial hardship and across households in Darlington; £0.187m for a skills and employability officer to understand what skills are required in the borough and take action to promote employment; £0.197m to run initiatives and part fund a programme officer for the Northgate project which is a multi-agency programme providing a range of interventions from support and advice to enforcement activities where required in order to improve outcomes for local residents; and £0.020m for the pilot In2 Programme which introduces children who wouldn't usually have access to arts and cultural experiences. There has also been an allocation of £0.016m for a holiday hunger scheme through the school holidays and £0.035m to support work to embed community wealth building across the Council and partners.

Futures Fund – ongoing commitments

51. A significant proportion of the futures fund expenditure is on staffing to carry out services over and above the statutory level, for example Community Safety including enforcement officers; Street Scene activities including grass cutting, street cleaning, back lance clear ups and tree work; helping neighbourhoods with our skills and employability officer. In total there are 22.7 full time equivalent staff funded on an annual basis through this fund. Additionally, there is £0.110m allocated to the Town Centre events programme per annum to assist in maintaining a vibrant Town Centre and helping out local businesses with increased footfall.
52. The fund was set up using balances as an additional resource over and above the core offer, however it is clear these services are of real importance to the community and our Economic Growth strategy in maintaining a clean, safe and exciting town. Given the anticipated positive revenue balance position noted below it is recommended the annual commitment is extended to 2024/25.

Revenue Balances

53. Taking into account the projected revenue out turn for 2020/21 detailed at **Appendix 5**, along with the assessment of required risk balances as set out in **Appendix 6** and the utilisation of balances to fund the projected budget deficit over the four year period, leaves a projected general fund balance of £4.418m by 2024/25.
54. However, the unallocated balances rely on building around 433 Band D equivalent houses per annum; no significant overspending; assumptions of a cash equivalent position materialising in the settlement and a Council Tax increase, including a 3 % Social care precept of 4.99%. We therefore need to be cautious particularly in light of future years estimated income, but we understand the need to invest into our services as much as possible to stimulate growth and tackle inequality.
55. As balancing the MTFP requires the use of reserves it is sensible that any unallocated balances should be used to:-

- (a) To minimise on-going committed annual spending to assist and work towards eradicating future years funding gaps.
- (b) Continue to invest into the Futures Fund to stimulate growth and invest in our communities.

56. Given the pressure on budgets and the limited funds for discretionary services it is recommended that £0.914m of the unallocated balances are utilised to continue the Futures Fund ongoing priorities and commitments a further year into 2024/25. If agreed the revenue reserve closing balance position at the end of 2024/25 would be £3.504m as shown below.

57. Whilst this is a welcomed position, it needs to be noted that the MTFP is only being balanced annually by using reserves which is not a sustainable position moving forward as reserves will eventually be depleted. Given the uncertainties in regard to future funding and expenditure pressures it is recommended the balance remains unallocated to assist in future pressures or mitigation of the year 5 gap.

Revenue Balances	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Opening balance	20.506	16.963	15.184	9.566
Risk Reserve	(5.350)			
Contribution to/(from) balances	(0.431)	(1.780)	(5.617)	(6.063)
Contribution from Collection Fund	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
SR20 Collection Fund contribution	1.238	0.000	0.000	0.000
Closing balance	16.963	15.184	9.567	3.504

Consultation

58. This report will be published for consultation from 1 December to 26 January 2021.

Conclusion

59. The MTFP as agreed by Council remains deliverable but as previously acknowledged it is not without risk and challenges. Some risks previously identified have occurred and the recommendations within this report address the associated financial implications. The proposed MTFP includes the retention of the Risk Reserve which has been increased this year given the unprecedented times we are facing to offset further unforeseen risks and the provision of a risk contingency in adult social care to cover a specific significant value risk which is already known.

60. The Council still has the financial capacity to deliver a four-year balanced MTFP which puts it in a much stronger position than many Councils, however this is based on a core offer service level with limited discretionary services. To add to this offer, available revenue balances have been utilised to create five Future Fund Investments themes which are helping to stimulate growth and assist with a key priority of growing the economy. As balances have improved it is proposed a further £0.914m is being requested to continue the ongoing commitments into 2024/25. Despite significant pressures faced by the impact of Covid-19 and in Social Care, the proactive stance taken in growing the economy and our joint venture

partnerships is working and assisting in minimising on-going committed annual spending.

61. Planning beyond the current MTFP is extremely difficult given the uncertainty around Covid-19, the new Local Government Financial system (currently on hold but anticipated in 2022), and issues such as the impact of Brexit on the country's finances. Given the four-year balanced position, the proposed plan will allow Members time, post the fair funding review, to assess the impacts of the changing landscape and decide how to address the future financial position faced. Current planning suggests there will be a budget deficit of approximately £6m, however for the reason above, this will almost certainly change. At this stage it is not possible to know whether this will be a positive or negative position.
62. In summary, the Council continues to face significant financial challenges, however, the MTFP remains deliverable on the basis of what we know now and the following conditions – economic growth, house building, no further pressures, fair funding review and a fair settlement, if this changes plans will need to be adjusted.
63. As the Council's Statutory Chief Financial Officer, the Assistant Director Resources, must advise the Council on the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves. The budget presented to Members in this report has been based on the most accurate information available at this point in time, therefore the Assistant Director is confident that they are an accurate reflection of the Council's financial position. General Fund Reserves are adequate however the Council is carrying a financial risk over the lifetime of the plan which is difficult to forecast at present, in particular the implications and impacts of Covid-19, Brexit and the uncertainty around the fair funding review. It is essential that growing pressures in social care are addressed through transformation and implemented as the Council will be operating with minimum levels of balances to fund any future cost pressures.

APPENDICES

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REVENUE ESTIMATES 2021/22 - Summary

APPENDIX 1

	2020/21	2021/22			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Children and Adults	60,352	116,418	(14,993)	(40,399)	61,026
Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services	21,766	92,484	(43,627)	(24,536)	24,322
Resources	10,550	12,742	(2,217)	0	10,525
Group Totals	92,668	221,644	(60,837)	(64,935)	95,873
Financing Costs	895	823	0	0	823
Investment Returns - Joint Ventures	(1,028)	(1,546)	0	0	(1,546)
Council Wide Pressures / Savings	405	(550)	0	0	(550)
Contingencies	522	525	0	0	525
Grand Total	93,462	220,896	(60,837)	(64,935)	95,125

Revenue Estimates 2021/22

CHILDREN & ADULT SERVICES

	2020/21	2021/22			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Director of Adults & Children's Services	159	188	(12)	0	176
Children & Adult Services					
Transformation & Performance	602	742	(115)	0	627
Business Support	1,326	1,403	0	0	1,403
Children's Services					
Children's Services Management & Other Services	496	485	0	0	485
Assessment Care Planning & LAC	3,664	3,966	0	0	3,966
First Response & Early Help	2,295	3,383	0	(600)	2,783
Adoption & Placements	13,738	14,233	(44)	(50)	14,139
Youth Offending / ASB	263	618	(127)	(223)	268
Quality Assurance & Practice Improvement	498	732	(123)	0	609
Development & Commissioning					
Commissioning	2,360	2,278	(51)	0	2,227
Workforce Development	281	339	0	(57)	282
Voluntary Sector	167	145	0	0	145
Education					
Education	961	23,770	(1,431)	(21,261)	1,078
Schools	0	8,575	0	(8,575)	0
Transport Unit	1,684	2,405	0	(534)	1,871
Public Health & Community Safety					
Public Health	9	8,686	0	(8,401)	285
Adult Social Care & Health					
External Purchase of Care	25,625	35,940	(10,937)	(698)	24,305
Intake & Enablement	590	2,124	(1,529)	0	595
On-going Long Term Care - Older People	1,385	1,555	(125)	0	1,430
On-going Long Term Care - Physical Disability	5	57	(52)	0	5
On-going Long Term Care - Learning Disability	1,687	1,774	(37)	0	1,737
On-going Long Term Care - Mental Health	1,122	1,548	(410)	0	1,138
On-going Long Term Care - Disabled Children's	473	500	0	0	500
Service Development & Integration	962	972	0	0	972
Total Adults & Children's Services	60,352	116,418	(14,993)	(40,399)	61,026

Revenue Estimates 2021/22

Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services

	2020/21	2021/22			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Director of Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services	167	172	0	0	172
Planning, Economic Initiatives & Asset Management					
AD - Economic Growth	185	132	0	0	132
Building Control	138	305	(162)	0	142
Consolidated Budgets	135	146	0	0	146
Development Management	(73)	580	(642)	0	(61)
Economy	310	258	0	(16)	242
Environmental Health	291	332	(17)	0	316
Place Strategy	600	692	(30)	(65)	597
Property Management and Estates	(579)	768	(1,238)	0	(470)
Capital Projects, Transport & Highways Planning					
AD - Transport & Capital Projects	125	129	0	0	129
Building Design Services	20	525	(505)	0	20
Capital Projects	327	567	(261)	0	306
Car Parking R&M	566	483	0	0	483
Concessionary Fares	3,439	3,434	0	0	3,434
Flood and Water Act	111	88	0	0	88
Highways	2,507	4,100	(900)	0	3,199
Highways - DLO	(514)	9,037	(9,552)	0	(515)
Investment and Funding	511	179	(182)	0	(3)
Regeneration Projects	4	0	0	0	
Sustainable Transport	264	72	(30)	0	42
Community Services					
AD - Community Services	125	129	0	0	129
Allotments	11	22	(11)	0	11
Building Cleaning - DLO	105	727	(588)	0	139
Cemeteries and Crematorium	(868)	666	(1,563)	0	(897)
Dolphin Centre	579	3,272	(1,483)	0	1,789
Eastbourne Complex	(16)	118	(79)	0	39
Emergency Planning	97	99	0	0	99
Head of Steam	249	321	(47)	0	275
Hippodrome	(5)	3,759	(2,904)	0	855
Indoor Bowling Centre	12	18	(6)	0	12
Libraries	790	848	(19)	0	829
Move More	29	86	(52)	0	33
Outdoor Events	403	419	(22)	0	397
School Meals - DLO	57	719	(654)	0	65
Strategic Arts	112	114	0	0	114
Street Scene	4,997	7,397	(2,016)	(14)	5,367
Transport Unit - Fleet Management	(16)	61	(70)	0	(9)
Waste Management	2,936	3,274	0	0	3,274
Winter Maintenance	420	471	(2)	0	469
Community Safety					
CCTV	187	602	(403)	0	199
Community Safety	577	627	(35)	0	592
General Licensing	0	155	(155)	0	(0)
Parking	(1,665)	265	(2,380)	0	(2,116)
Parking Enforcement	32	180	(176)	0	5
Private Sector Housing	72	88	(10)	0	78
Stray Dogs	43	47	(1)	0	46
Taxi Licensing	0	203	(203)	0	0
Trading Standards	224	240	(6)	0	234

Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services (continued)

	2020/21	2021/22			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Building Services					
Construction - DLO	(568)	10,711	(11,282)	0	(571)
Maintenance - DLO	(406)	4,424	(4,831)	0	(407)
Other - DLO	14	(0)	0	0	(0)
Corporate Landlord	3,191	3,539	(267)	0	3,272
General Support Services					
Works Property & Other	109	111	0	0	111
Joint Levies & Boards					
Environment Agency Levy	112	116	0	0	116
Housing					
Local Taxation	457	897	(284)	(144)	469
Rent Rebates / Rent Allowances / Council Tax	(132)	23,650	(132)	(23,650)	(132)
Housing Benefits Administration	221	875	0	(648)	227
Customer Call Centre	271	487	(180)	0	307
Homelessness	297	418	(94)	0	324
Service, Strategy & Regulation and General Services	179	333	(154)	0	179
Total Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services	21,766	92,484	(43,627)	(24,536)	24,322

Revenue Estimates 2021/22**Resources**

	2020/21	2021/22			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Managing Director	163	277	(94)	0	183
Darlington Partnership	36	125	(85)	0	40
AD Resources					
Financial Services & Governance	1,508	1,787	(307)	0	1,480
Financial Assessments & Protection	244	284	(40)	0	244
Communications & Engagement	980	992	(138)	0	854
Systems	770	798	(7)	0	791
Xentrall Services (D&S Partnership)	1,693	2,354	(649)	0	1,705
Human Resources	582	763	(162)	0	601
Health & Safety	145	200	(57)	0	143
AD Law & Governance					
Complaints & Freedom of Information	186	202	(1)	0	201
Democratic Support	1,210	1,245	(23)	0	1,222
Registrars of births, deaths and marriages	(13)	230	(254)	0	(24)
Administration	697	800	(92)	0	708
Legal & Procurement	1,397	1,740	(296)	0	1,444
Coroners	215	220	0	0	220
AD ICT	737	725	(12)	0	713
Total Resources	10,550	12,742	(2,217)	0	10,525

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<u>Pressures/Savings</u>	Estimate 21/22	Estimate 22/23	Estimate 23/24	Estimate 24/25
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Savings				
Street Lighting Utility savings	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)	(0.030)
NNDR Savings across the asset base from revaluation	(0.098)	(0.098)	(0.098)	(0.098)
Childrens and Adults staffing savings	(0.036)	(0.030)	(0.024)	(0.025)
Adult Social care - residential inflation	(0.624)	(0.691)	(0.579)	(0.402)
Older Peoples package costs	(0.308)	(0.308)	(0.308)	(0.308)
Contracts - Financial Crisis & Community Care	0.000	(0.040)	(0.040)	(0.040)
Insurance - Saving on contract extension	(0.100)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Financing costs - lower borrowing costs	(0.273)	(0.463)	(0.275)	(0.263)
Investment Returns - extension of JV's	(0.734)	(0.769)	(0.855)	(1.138)
Pay award - 1% pay award in 2021/22, 2% thereafter	(0.554)	(0.565)	(0.577)	(0.588)
	(2.757)	(2.994)	(2.786)	(2.892)
Increased Demand				
Concessionary Fares - bulk bus pass re-issue	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.085
Public Sector Hub (DfE Building) - service charge	0.020	0.021	0.022	0.023
Waste Disposal - allowance for new builds	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024
Street Scene Wheeled Bins - new properties.	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040
Winter Maintenance - review of T&C's for staff	0.030	0.030	0.030	0.030
Customer Services - security guard	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018
Children's Services - Interpreters	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018
Social care staffing increased demand - Family Support service	0.100	0.104	0.111	0.118
Social care staffing increased demand - Leaving care service	0.000	0.119	0.232	0.234
Social care staffing increased demand - Child Protection & Review	0.016	0.016	0.052	0.077
Adoption - interagency Costs/ Adoption Tees Valley	0.127	0.136	0.149	0.16
Social Work - Lone working devices	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006
Advocacy contract	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
Contracts - Childrens volunteer drivers	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047
Contracts - Homeless Trailblazer - continuation of service	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064
Business Support - continuation of Archivist post	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012
Contracts - Missing from Home and Safer Families/Carers support	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Safeguarding Board - Information Officer post	0.021	0.021	0.022	0.023
School Transport - Support for new and Secondary School routes	0.143	0.145	0.148	0.151
Learning Disability package costs - high cost residential placement	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330
Learning Disability package costs - increase in domicillary hours	0.311	0.311	0.311	0.311
Physical Disability package costs	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061
Mental Health package costs	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090
Childrens day and home care package increases	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041
Carers - Increase in respite provision	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020
	1.609	1.744	1.918	2.077
Current Savings Shortfall				
Business Support - service demand target not met	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011
	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011
Price Inflation				
Utilities/Waste Disposal etc	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.071

Adults Homecare / Direct Payments	(0.024)	0.395	0.795	1.490
Contracts - various childrens, housing related support	0.000	0.080	0.122	0.125
NNDR - Reduction in CPI rate	0.342	0.437	0.435	0.466
	0.318	0.912	1.352	2.152
Reduced Income				
School Meals - service to be reviewed post 21/22	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pedestrian Training - grant not confirmed	0.017	0.018	0.019	0.020
	0.034	0.018	0.019	0.020
Other				
Winter Maintenance - end of red diesel usage	0.000	0.018	0.019	0.020
Council Wide auto-enrolment into pension scheme	0.051	0.049	0.050	0.050
Vulnerable pupils laptops - schools	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000
Commissioning - staffing	0.018	0.018	0.017	0.017
Drug & Alcohol - staffing	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bank Charges - renewal of bank contract	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020
	0.124	0.105	0.106	0.107
Covid Related				
Estates - Reduced rent	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000
Feethams House - occupancy targets pushed back 1 year	0.070	0.089	0.050	0.033
Hippodrome - assumes no shows until June + reduced patronage	0.864	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dolphin Centre - reduced patronage due to social distancing	1.160	0.000	0.000	0.000
Eastbourne Complex - reduced patronage due to social distancing	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.000
Head of Steam - reduced patronage due to social distancing	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000
Libraries - reduced patronage due to social distancing	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000
Waste Disposal - household waste due to working from home	0.226	0.000	0.000	0.000
Car Parking - reduction in income due to change in working practices	0.154	0.000	0.000	0.000
Trade Waste - cancelled contracts	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045
Council Tax - reduction in current taxbase	0.493	0.511	0.530	0.340
	3.119	0.645	0.625	0.418
Total Net Pressures	2.458	0.441	1.245	1.893

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2021/22				
Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
LEARNING SKILLS - LEARNING FOR LIFE				
Fees Policy: August 2020 to July 2021 (Next Review July 2021)				
Full Fees (including enrolment and tuition fees) per hour	L	3.00	3.00	NIL
<p>Accredited Learning Full accreditation fee (if applicable) - if the course has a qualification there will be additional fees to pay for registration and certification.</p> <p>No fees will be charged for publicly subsidised courses where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Learners are aged 16-18 (on 31 August 2020) Learners are aged 19-24 (on 31 August 2020) with a learning difficulty and/or disability as evidenced through an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2, and the learner is studying English or Maths Learners are aged 19-23 (on their first day of study) and are studying their first 'full' level 2 or first 'full' level 3, excludes English for speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2 (including ESOL), the skills training will help them into work, and the learner is classed as unemployed and one or more of the following apply: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They receive Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) - this includes those receiving National Insurance credits only, or They receive Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), or They receive Universal Credit and their earned income from employment (disregarding benefits) is less than £338 a month (learner is sole adult in their benefit claim) or £541 a month (learner has a joint benefit claim with their partner) They are released on temporary licence, studying outside a prison environment, and not funded by the Ministry of Justice Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2 (including ESOL), they are employed and eligible for co-funding but earn less than £17,004.00 gross salary, based on the assumption of a 37.5 hour contract with paid statutory holiday entitlement. <i>Evidence required: A wage slip within 3 months of the learning start date, or a current employment contract which states gross monthly / annual wages</i> Learners aged 19-24 who are unemployed and on a Traineeship <p>Courses with no public subsidy For learners aged 19 or above and where the learning aim is level 3 or above (except for exclusion above), learners will need to take out an Advanced Learning Loan, subject to funding availability. Further details can be found at: www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans</p> <p>Asylum Seekers – individuals will be assessed for eligibility in conjunction with ESFA guidance Special Fees – some courses have special fees, cost on application FE course – NVQ etc price on application</p> <p>The following courses are free: Family Learning, Functional Skills, Study Programmes and courses which are funded through external projects</p> <p>Additional Learning Support (ALS) is intended to enable disadvantaged learners to achieve their learning goal by providing funding, on top of programme funds, to help them overcome their barriers to learning. The funding is intended to be flexible and to help support learners who have a range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities</p>				

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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS				
The following fees do not incur VAT				
Marriages				
Entering a Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership	N			
For a Registrar to attend a Marriage at the Register Office	N			
Civil Partnership Registration	N			
Incumbents for every Entry Contained in Quarterly Certified	N			
Copies of Entries of Marriage	N			
Registrars fee for attending a marriage at a registered building or for the housebound or detained	N			
Superintendents Registrar fee for attesting a notice of marriage away from his office for housebound or detained	N			
Superintendents Registrar fee for attending the marriage of the housebound or detained	N	These charges set nationally by Statute and will be charged at the advised rate for 2020/21	These charges set nationally by Statute and will be charged at the advised rate for 2020/21	
Certification for Worship and Registration for Marriages				
Place of Meeting for Religious Worship	N			
Registration of Building for Solemnisation of Marriage	N			
Certificates issued from Local Offices				
Standard Certificate (SR)	N			
Standard Certificate (RBD) (at time of Registration)	N			
Standard Certificate (RBD) (after Registration)	N			
Short Certificate of Birth (SR)	N			
Short Certificate of Birth (RBD)	N			
Certificates of Civil Partnership (at time of Ceremony)	N			
Certificates of Civil Partnership (at later date)	N			
General Search fee	N			
Each Verification	N			
Civil Partnership Ceremony				
All Ceremonies – Approved Premises				
Application Fee for licence as an approved venue (valid for 3 years)	N	1,700.00	1,750.00	
Fee for Attendance - All days including Bank Holidays	L	525.00	540.00	
All Ceremonies – Town Hall				
The Council Chamber (Monday to Saturday)	L	275.00	285.00	
The Council Chamber Foyer (Monday to Saturday)	L	125.00	130.00	
REGISTER OF ELECTORS, OPEN REGISTER AND MONTHLY UPDATES - SALE				
The following fees do not incur VAT.				
Register – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	5.00	5.00	
Register – Data Form	N	20.00	20.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.50	1.50	
LIST OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS – SALE				
The following fees do not incur VAT.				
List – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	5.00	5.00	
List – Data Form	N	20.00	20.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.50	1.50	
MARKED COPY OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS AND MARKED ABSENT VOTERS LIST - SALE				
The following fees do not incur VAT				
Register – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	2.00	2.00	
Register – Data Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.00	1.00	

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TOWN HALL				
Hire of Committee Rooms – all charges shown exclusive of VAT. Charges will be made plus the appropriate VAT rate. All rooms are to be charged by the hour, rather than by session				
Committee Rooms per hour	L	33.00	33.00	
				Minimal
LAND CHARGES				
The following fees are inclusive of VAT				
Search Fees				
Standard Search - Residential Property (post or DX)	L	91.80	91.80	
Standard Search – Residential Property (electronic)	L	89.80	89.80	
Standard Search – Commercial Property (post or DX)	L	139.80	139.80	
Standard Search – Commercial Property (electronic)	L	137.80	137.80	
Con 29 Required				
Residential Property				
One Parcel of Land	L	76.80	76.80	
Several Parcels of Land – Each Additional Parcel	L	24.00	24.00	
Commercial Property				
One Parcel of Land	L	124.80	124.80	
Several Parcels of Land – Each Additional Parcel	L	24.00	24.00	
Con 29 Optional				
Each Printed Enquiry	L	6.00	6.00	
Own Questions	L	6.00	6.00	
Official Search – LLCI	L	15.00	15.00	
Official Search – NLIS (National Land Information Service) or email	L	13.00	13.00	
Expedited Search (Residential)	L	165.00	165.00	
Expedited search (Commercial)	L	225.00	225.00	
Personal Search	L	No charge	No charge	
				NIL

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FINANCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES				
Category				
I. Work up to and including the date upon which the court makes an order appointing a deputy for property and affairs	N	745.00	745.00	
II. Annual management fee where the court appoints a local authority deputy for property and affairs, payable on the anniversary of the court order:	N	775.00	775.00	
- for the first year	N	650.00	650.00	
- for the second and subsequent years				
where the net assets are below £16,000, the local authority deputy for property and affairs will take an annual management fee not exceeding 3% of the net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy				
Where the court appoints a local authority deputy for health and welfare, the local authority will take an annual management fee not exceeding 2.5% of the net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy for health and welfare up to a maximum of £500.				
III. Annual property management fee to include work involved in preparing property for sale, instructing agents, conveyancers, etc or the ongoing maintenance of property including management and letting of a rental property	N	300.00	300.00	
IV. Preparation and lodgement of an annual report or account to the Public Guardian	N	216.00	216.00	
V. Conveyancing Costs				
Where a deputy or other person authorised by the court is selling or purchasing a property on behalf of P, the following fixed rates will apply except where the sale or purchase is by trustees in which case, the costs should be agreed with the trustees:	N	See Description	See Description	
A value element of 0.15% of the consideration with a minimum sum of £350 and a maximum sum of £1,500, plus disbursements				
Travel Rates are allowed at a fixed rate per hour for travel costs	N	40.00	40.00	
Please note that these rates are set by The Office of Public Guardian and are the rates as of 1st April 2017, these may be amended during 2021/22				
Administration fee for arranging the care and support needs for those with capital in excess of the upper capital limit or those who have chosen not to disclose their financial information.	L	105.00	105.00	
NIL				
DEFERRED PAYMENT FEES				
Administration cost for setting up a Deferred Payment Agreement	L	315.00	321.00	
plus cost of valuation (this will be dependant on property type)	L	Actual cost of valuation	Actual cost of valuation	
Minimal				

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LIBRARIES				
Fines On Overdue Items				
Adults – per day	L	0.15	0.20	
Maximum charge per book	L	5.10	3.00	
Senior Citizens – per day	L	0.10	0.10	
Maximum charge per book	L	3.10	3.10	
Children – per day	L	No charge	No charge	
Loan Charges for Audio Materials (1 week)				
CD's	L	1.00	1.00	
DVD's	L	1.50	1.50	
Reservation Fees for books and Audio Materials				
Adults	L	0.50	0.50	
Senior Citizens	L	0.25	0.25	
Children/Unemployed	L	0.25	0.25	
Reservation Fees for Books Obtained from Outside the Authority				
Single charge for all books obtained from other libraries	L	6.00	6.00	
Repeat Fee for Renewal of Books from Outside the Authority				
Single Charge for all books obtained from other local authorities	L	6.00	6.00	
Replacement Tickets				
Adults	L	1.20	1.50	
Senior Citizens	L	1.20	1.50	
Children/Unemployed	L	0.60	1.50	
Spoken Word				
Cassettes & CDs (3 Week Loan)	L			
Adults (who are not exempt) each	L	1.50	1.50	
Children each	L	No charge	No charge	
Language Courses (per element)				
Subscription for whole course to be paid in advance	L	1.35	1.35	
Local History Research				
Look Up Service	L	5.00	5.00	
Specialist Research – per hour	L	30.00	30.00	
Photocopies				
A4 B&W	L	0.15	0.20	
A3 B&W	L	0.30	0.40	
Printing				
Text Printouts				
A4 B&W	L	0.15	0.15	
A3 B&W	L	0.30	0.30	
Test Printouts				
A4 colour	L	0.60	0.60	
Reproduction of Images from Stock				
Digital copies for Private/Study purposes – per photo	L	5.50	5.50	
Digital copies for small local commercial use – per photo	L	5.50 + 2 copies of publications	5.50 + 2 copies of publications	
Digital copies for local commercial use - per photo	L	10.50 + 2 copies of book	10.50 + 2 copies of book	
Digital copies for national/international commercial	L	110.00	110.00	

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Scan and e-mail Service				
First sheet	L	1.00	1.00	
Each subsequent sheet	L	0.50	0.50	
Hire of Locker	L	0.50	0.50	
Internet Use				
Library members First 60 minutes FREE , Members & Non Members £1.00 per 30 minutes hereafter	L	1.00	1.00	
Lost & Damaged Items	L	Full current Replacement Cost (non-refundable)	Full current Replacement Cost (non-refundable)	
Fax				
Outgoing Transmission				
United Kingdom – per sheet	L	1.45	1.45	
Europe – per sheet	L	2.30	2.30	
USA/Canada – per sheet	L	2.80	2.80	
Rest of the World – per sheet	L	3.80	3.80	
Incoming Transmission – per sheet	L	0.45	0.45	
Fax by Satellite				
Atlantic Ocean/Indian Ocean/Pacific Ocean – per sheet	L	12.50	12.50	
Room Hire				
Not for profit organisations per hour	L	10.00	10.00	
Commercial organisations per hour	L	15.00	15.00	
				Minimal
PLANNING FEES				
Planning fees are set nationally				
PLANNING – PRE APPLICATION ADVICE				
All charges include VAT at 20%				
Large Major Development (200+) for a written response, including up to 2 meetings	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Small Major Development (10-199) for a written response, including up to 2 meetings	L	600.00	600.00	
Minor Development for a written response to include a meeting if necessary	L	400.00	400.00	
Other Developments				
Minerals Processing	L	Based on areas above	Based on areas above	
Change of use for a written response to include a meeting if necessary	L	50.00	50.00	
Householder developments	L	36.00	36.00	
Advertisements	L	25.00	25.00	
Listed Building consents (to alter/extend/demolish)	L	Free	Free	
Conservation area consents	L	Free	Free	
Certificates of lawful development	L	Application advice not appropriate	Application advice not appropriate	
Telecommunications Notifications	L	126.00	126.00	
Other Charges				
Pre-Application meeting involving Planning Committee Members	L	1,000.00	1,000.00	

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PLANNING – SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS				
Items inclusive of VAT at 20%				
A4 Photocopy (ex plans) – first page	L	1.10	1.10	
Subsequent pages	L	0.10	0.10	
A3 Photocopy (ex plans) – first page	L	1.20	1.20	
Subsequent pages	L	0.20	0.20	
A2 Photocopy (ex plans) – first page	L	1.50	1.50	
A1 Photocopy (ex plans)	L	2.00	2.00	
A0 Photocopy (ex plans)	L	3.00	3.00	
Items outside the scope of VAT				
Local plan	L	18.00	18.00	
Local plan – postage	L	4.00	4.00	
Local plan – alterations	L	2.00	2.00	
Invoicing	L	9.00	9.00	
				NIL
LICENSING The following fees do not incur VAT				
Prosecution Costs				
Hourly rate for Preparation of Case Reports	L	47.00	47.50	
General Licensing				
Pavement Café Licence, per person				
1-10	L	200.00	200.00	
11-25	L	240.00	240.00	
26-40	L	280.00	280.00	
41-60	L	320.00	320.00	
61-80	L	360.00	360.00	
81-99	L	400.00	400.00	
100 or over	L	450.00	450.00	
Duplicate licence fee	L	50.00	50.00	
Transfer of licence	L	50.00	50.00	
Change of detail	L	30.00	30.00	
Variation of Covers	L	100.00	100.00	
Goods on Highway Licence	L	155.00	155.00	
Sex Shop Grant of application	L	3,700.00	3,700.00	
Sex Shop Renewal	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Sex Shop transfer	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Skin Piercing (Premises) Grant	L	280.00	280.00	
Skin Piercing (Personal) Grant/Variation	L	65.00	65.00	
Scrap Metal Dealers				
Collectors Licence (3 years) - application	L	150.00	150.00	
Collectors Licence (3 years) – renewal	L	150.00	150.00	
Major Variation	L	50.00	50.00	
Minor Variation	L	15.00	15.00	
Site Licence (3 years) Grant	L	350.00	350.00	
Additional Sites (per site per year of licence)	L	195.00	195.00	
Site licence (3 years) – renewal	L	270.00	270.00	
Additional sites (per site per year of licence)	L	195.00	195.00	
Minor Variation Site	L	15.00	15.00	
Major Variation Site	L	50.00 + 65.00	50.00 + 65.00	
		per additional site per year	per additional site per year	

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Caravan Sites				
New Application for a permanent residential site licence;	L			
1-5 pitches	L	200.00	200.00	
6-20 pitches	L	225.00	225.00	
21-50 pitches	L	240.00	240.00	
Greater than 50 pitches	L	260.00	260.00	
Annual Fees associated with administration and monitoring of site licences;				
1-5 pitches	L	No charge	No charge	
6-50 pitches	L	220.00	220.00	
Greater than 50 pitches	L	260.00	260.00	
Cost of Laying Site Rules	L	25.00	25.00	
Cost of Variation/Transfer	L	100.00	100.00	
Zoo Licensing Act				
New Application (4 years) or renewal (6 years) for a Zoo Licence (excluding the inspection costs of appointed inspector)	L	450.00	450.00	
Animal Welfare				
Breeding of Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	
Breeding of Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Pet Vending Commercial - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	252.00	252.00	
2 Year Licence	L	297.00	297.00	
3 Year Licence	L	342.00	342.00	
Pet Vending Commercial - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	222.00	222.00	
2 Year Licence	L	267.00	267.00	
3 Year Licence	L	312.00	312.00	
Pet Vending Home - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	
Pet Vending Home - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition - Grant of Licence				
3 Year Licence	L	235.00	235.00	
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition - Renewal of Licence				
3 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
Hiring Out of Horses - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	265.00	265.00	
2 Year Licence	L	310.00	310.00	
3 Year Licence	L	355.00	355.00	
Hiring Out of Horses - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	235.00	235.00	
2 Year Licence	L	280.00	280.00	
3 Year Licence	L	325.00	325.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Commercial - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
2 Year Licence	L	350.00	350.00	
3 Year Licence	L	395.00	395.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Commercial - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	275.00	275.00	
2 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
3 Year Licence	L	365.00	365.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Home - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	

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Boarding of Dogs and Cats Home - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care Up to 7 Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	245.00	245.00	
2 Year Licence	L	290.00	290.00	
3 Year Licence	L	335.00	335.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care Up to 7 Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	215.00	215.00	
2 Year Licence	L	260.00	260.00	
3 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care 8+ Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
2 Year Licence	L	350.00	350.00	
3 Year Licence	L	395.00	395.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care 8+ Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	275.00	275.00	
2 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
3 Year Licence	L	365.00	365.00	
		130.00 + 10.00	130.00 + 10.00	
		per host +	per host +	
		65.00 per host	65.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise in Darlington - Grant of Licence	L	inspection fee	inspection fee	
		+ 45.00 annual	+ 45.00 annual	
		enforcement	enforcement	
		fee per year	fee per year	
		100.00 + 10.00	100.00 + 10.00	
		per host +	per host +	
		60.00 per host	60.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise in Darlington - Renewal of Licence	L	inspection fee	inspection fee	
		+ 45.00 annual	+ 45.00 annual	
		enforcement	enforcement	
		fee per year	fee per year	
		60.00 + 65.00	60.00 + 65.00	
		per host	per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise out of Darlington - Grant of Licence	L			
		55.00 + 60.00	55.00 + 60.00	
		per host	per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise out of Darlington - Renewal of Licence	L			
Additional Fees				
Cost per additional licensable activity - Grant and Renewal (each)	L	65.00	65.00	
Mandatory mid licence inspection fee - Grant and Renewal (each)	L	30.00	30.00	
Variation of licence where no inspection is required (each)	L	35.00	35.00	
Variation of licence where inspection is required (each)	L	90.00	90.00	
Application for Re-Rating (each)	L	70.00	70.00	
Copy Licence	L	15.00	15.00	
Administration Fee	L	35.00	35.00	

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Street Trading				
November / December - Full Calendar Month	L	975.00	975.00	
- Week	L	385.00	385.00	
- Day	L	85.00	85.00	
January / October - Full Calendar Month	L	660.00	660.00	
- Week	L	270.00	270.00	
- Day	L	60.00	60.00	
Note- The above to apply to Itinerant traders. For regular all year round traders - fees as follows				
Annual Consent	L	7,000.00	7,000.00	
If Paying Monthly	L	620.00	620.00	
If Paying Weekly	L	170.00	170.00	
Buskers selling CD's – Half Day	L	25.00	25.00	
Full Day	L	45.00	45.00	
Mobile vehicles (moving or lay-by)	L	260.00	260.00	
New Vendor Permits	L	35.00	35.00	
Duplicate licenses	L	15.00	15.00	
Skip Hire Licence				
More than 3 days' notice	L	15.00	15.00	
Less than 3 days' notice	L	30.00	30.00	
Hoarding/Scaffold Licence	L	50.00	50.00	
Administration Charge (per hour or part thereof)	L	35.00	35.00	
Statutory Fees				
Petroleum Licences				
Less than 2,500 litres	L	44.00	44.00	
2,500 – 50,000 litres	L	60.00	60.00	
More than 50,000 litres	L	125.00	125.00	
Transfer/variation	L	8.00	8.00	
Gambling Act				
Statutory Fees- The following gambling fees are set within statutory bands and will be revised as changed nationally.				
Adult Gaming Centres – Annual Fee	N	600.00	600.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Betting Shops - Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Bingo Halls - Annual Fee	N	600.00	600.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Family Entertainment Centres – Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	950.00	950.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	950.00	950.00	
Betting (tracks) – Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	950.00	950.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	950.00	950.00	

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<i>Permit Type – The following fees are set by statute and will be revised as changed nationally</i>				
Small Society Lottery Registration	N	40.00	40.00	
Small Society Annual Fee	N	20.00	20.00	
FEC gaming machine – Renewal fee	N	300.00	300.00	
FEC gaming machine – Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Prize gaming – Application fee	N	300.00	300.00	
Prize gaming – Renewal fee	N	300.00	300.00	
Prize gaming – Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Prize gaming – Copy permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - application Fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - variation Fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - transfer Fee	N	25.00	25.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - annual Fee	N	50.00	50.00	
Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Copy Permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Notice of intent 2 or less gaming machines available	N	50.00	50.00	
Club Premises cert (S 72f Licencing Act 2003) application fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Club Premises cert (S 72f Licencing Act 2003) renewal fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Other applicants - application fee	N	200.00	200.00	
Other applicants - renewal fee	N	200.00	200.00	
Variation fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Annual fee	N	50.00	50.00	
Copy permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Initial fee	N	40.00	40.00	
Annual fee	N	20.00	20.00	
Temporary use notice	N	500.00	500.00	
Copy/replacement/endorsed copy of notice	N	25.00	25.00	
Licensing Act Fees				
Statutory Fees- The following gambling fees are set within statutory bands and will be revised as changed nationally.				
Premises Licences				
Band A (RV £0 - £4,300) - Initial fee	N	100.00	100.00	
- Annual fee	N	70.00	70.00	
Band B (RV £4,301 - £33,000) - Initial fee	N	190.00	190.00	
- Annual fee	N	180.00	180.00	
Band C (RV £33,001 - £87,000) - Initial fee	N	315.00	315.00	
- Annual fee	N	295.00	295.00	
Band D (RV £87,001 - £125,000) - Initial fee	N	450.00	450.00	
- Annual fee	N	320.00	320.00	
Band E (RV > £125,001) - Initial fee	N	635.00	635.00	
- Annual fee	N	350.00	350.00	
Band D with Multiplier - Initial fee	N	900.00	900.00	
- Annual fee	N	640.00	640.00	
Band E with Multiplier - Initial fee	N	1,905.00	1,905.00	
- Annual fee	N	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Club Premises Certificates				
Band A (RV £0 - £4,300) - Initial fee	N	100.00	100.00	
- Annual fee	N	70.00	70.00	
Band B (RV £4,301 - £33,000) - Initial fee	N	190.00	190.00	
- Annual fee	N	180.00	180.00	
Band C (RV £33,001 - £87,000) - Initial fee	N	315.00	315.00	
- Annual fee	N	295.00	295.00	
Band D (RV £87,001 - £125,000) - Initial fee	N	450.00	450.00	
- Annual fee	N	320.00	320.00	
Band E (RV > £125,001) - Initial fee	N	635.00	635.00	
- Annual fee	N	350.00	350.00	

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**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
Large Scale Events				
5,000 to 9,999 - Initial fee	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	500.00	500.00	
10,000 to 14,999 - Initial fee	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
15,000 to 19,999 - Initial fee	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
20,000 to 29,999 - Initial fee	N	8,000.00	8,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
30,000 to 39,999 - Initial fee	N	16,000.00	16,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	8,000.00	8,000.00	
40,000 to 49,999 - Initial fee	N	24,000.00	24,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	12,000.00	12,000.00	
50,000 to 59,999 - Initial fee	N	32,000.00	32,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	16,000.00	16,000.00	
60,000 to 69,999 - Initial fee	N	40,000.00	40,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	20,000.00	20,000.00	
70,000 to 79,999 - Initial fee	N	48,000.00	48,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	24,000.00	24,000.00	
80,000 to 89,999 - Initial fee	N	56,000.00	56,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	28,000.00	28,000.00	
> 90,000 - Initial fee	N	64,000.00	64,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	32,000.00	32,000.00	
Other Licensing Act 2003 Fees & Charges				
Minor Variations	N	89.00	89.00	
Personal Licence	N	37.00	37.00	
Provisional Statement	N	315.00	315.00	
Temporary Event Notice (TEN)	N	21.00	21.00	
Theft / Loss of Licence / Notice	N	10.50	10.50	
Variation of DPS	N	23.00	23.00	
Transfer of Premises Licence	N	23.00	23.00	
Change of Name / Address	N	10.50	10.50	
Notification of Interest	N	21.00	21.00	
Notification of Alteration of Club Rules	N	10.50	10.50	
Interim Authority Notice	N	23.00	23.00	
Explosives Act/Fireworks Annual Registration	N	52.00	52.00	
				NIL

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HACKNEY CARRIAGES				
Taxi Licencing				
Taxi licensing fees are agreed annually by licensing committee normally in March and will be published separately as part of this process. Existing licence holders will be notified accordingly.				
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH				
Pest Treatment Charges – All charges shown exclusive of VAT. Charges will be made plus the appropriate VAT rate				
Insects – per Treatment	L	58.50	58.50	
Rodents in Private Premises	L	8.33	8.33	
Re-rating Food Hygiene Inspections	L	150.00	150.00	
Prosecution Costs				
Hourly Rate for preparation of case reports and carrying out works in default of legal notices	L	47.00	47.50	
Environmental Searches				
Environmental search 1 or 2 report includes environmental information held by the Council on a site (additional charges apply for sites larger than 10,000m2 and distance buffer greater than 250m radius)	L	65.00	65.00	
Additional photocopying for example copies of site investigation reports;				
A4 B&W	L	0.10	0.10	
A3 B&W	L	0.20	0.20	
A4 Colour	L	1.00	1.00	
A3 Colour	L	2.00	2.00	
Scanned Copy	L	Free	Free	
LAPPC and LAIPPC Permits				
Charges are annually set by Defra in March and are subject to change. Current charges as known are;				
LAPPC Charges				
Application Fee;				
Standard process (includes solvent emission activities)	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Additional fee for operating without a permit	N	1,188.00	1,188.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners	N	155.00	155.00	
PVR I & II combined	N	257.00	257.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fee Activities	N	362.00	362.00	
Reduced fee activities: additional fee for operating without a permit	N	71.00	71.00	
Mobile plant**	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
for the third to seventh applications	N	985.00	985.00	
for the eighth and subsequent applications	N	498.00	498.00	
Where an application for any of the above is for a combined Part B and waste application add an extra to the above amounts	N	310.00	310.00	
Annual Subsistence Charge;				
Standard process Low*	N	772.00	772.00	
		(+104.00)	(+104.00)	

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Standard process Medium*	N	1,161.00 (+156.00)	1,161.00 (+156.00)	
Standard process High*	N	1,747.00 (+207.00)	1,747.00 (+207.00)	
*the additional amounts must be charged where a permit is for a combined Part B and waste installation				
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners Low	N	79.00	79.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners Medium	N	158.00	158.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners High	N	237.00	237.00	
PVR I & II combined Low	N	113.00	113.00	
PVR I & II combined Medium	N	226.00	226.00	
PVR I & II combined High	N	341.00	341.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees Low	N	228.00	228.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees Medium	N	365.00	365.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees High	N	548.00	548.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits Low**	N	626.00	626.00	
for the third to seventh permits Low	N	385.00	385.00	
eighth and subsequent permits Low	N	198.00	198.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits Medium**	N	1,034.00	1,034.00	
for the third to seventh permits Medium	N	617.00	617.00	
eighth and subsequent permits Medium	N	316.00	316.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits High**	N	1,551.00	1,551.00	
for the third to seventh permits High	N	924.00	924.00	
eighth and subsequent permits High	N	473.00	473.00	
Late payment fee	N	52.00	52.00	
Where a Part B installation is subject to reporting under the E-PRTR Regulation add an extra to the above amounts	N	104.00	104.00	
Transfer and Surrender;				
Standard process transfer	N	169.00	169.00	
Standard process partial transfer	N	497.00	497.00	
New operator at low risk reduced fee activity	N	78.00	78.00	
Surrender: all Part b activities	N	0.00	0.00	
Reduced fee activities: transfer	N	0.00	0.00	
Reduced fee activities: partial transfer	N	47.00	47.00	
Temporary transfer for mobiles;				
First transfer	N	53.00	53.00	
Repeat following enforcement or warning	N	53.00	53.00	
Substantial change;				
Standard process	N	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Standard process where the substantial change results in a new PPC activity	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Reduced fee activities	N	102.00	102.00	
**Not using simplified permits				
LAPPC mobile plant charges (not using simplified permits)				
Number of permits 1 to 2;				
Application fee	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	646.00	646.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	1,034.00	1,034.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	1,506.00	1,506.00	
Number of permits 3 to 7;				
Application fee	N	985.00	985.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	385.00	385.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	617.00	617.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	924.00	924.00	
Number of permits 8 and over;				
Application fee	N	498.00	498.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	198.00	198.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	316.00	316.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	473.00	473.00	

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LA-IPPC charges				
Every subsistence charge below includes the additional £104 charge to cover LA extra costs in dealing with reporting under the E-PRTR Regulation				
Application	N	3,363.00	3,363.00	
Additional fee for operating without a permit	N	1,188.00	1,188.00	
Annual Subsistence Low	N	1,447.00	1,447.00	
Annual Subsistence Medium	N	1,611.00	1,611.00	
Annual Subsistence High	N	2,334.00	2,334.00	
Late Payment Fee	N	52.00	52.00	
Variation	N	1,368.00	1,368.00	
Transfer	N	235.00	235.00	
Partial Transfer	N	698.00	698.00	
Surrender	N	698.00	698.00	
Subsistence charges can be paid in four equal quarterly instalments paid on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January. Where paid quarterly the total amount payable to the local authority will be increased by £38.00				
Newspaper adverts may be required under EPR at the discretion of the LA as part of the consultation process when considering an application. This will be undertaken and paid for by the LA and the charging scheme contains a provision for the LA to recoup its costs				
				Minimal
TRADING STANDARDS				
Please note that VAT may be added to some charges. Check with the service before the work is agreed.				
Prosecution Costs				
Hourly rate for Preparation of Case Reports	L	47.00	47.50	
Measures				
Linear measures not exceeding 3m each scale	L	14.50	15.00	
Not exceeding 15kg	L	40.00	40.50	
Exceeding 15kg but not exceeding 100kg	L	60.50	70.50	
Exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 250kg	L	83.50	84.50	
Exceeding 250kg but not exceeding 1 tonne	L	145.50	147.00	
Exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes	L	233.00	235.50	
Exceeding 10 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes	L	488.50	494.00	
Exceeding 30 tonnes but not exceeding 60 tonnes	L	726.00	734.00	
Charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing incorporating remote display or printing facilities based on the above fee plus a charge per hour (minimum charge of 2 hours)	L	63.77 per hour	65.00 per hour	
Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor				
Not exceeding 150ml	L	23.00	23.50	
Other	L	26.50	27.00	

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Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuels and Lubricants				
Container Type (un-subdivided)				
Multi-grade (with price computing device):	L	100.50	102.00	
Single Outlets	L	138.00	139.50	
Solely Price Adjustment	L	252.50	255.00	
Otherwise				
Other Types – Single Outlets				
Solely Price Adjustment	L	110.50	112.00	
Otherwise	L	150.50	152.00	
Other Types – Multi Outlets:				
1 Meter Tested	L	161.00	162.50	
2 Meters Tested	L	264.00	267.00	
3 Meters Tested	L	360.50	365.00	
4 Meters Tested	L	459.50	465.00	
5 Meters Tested	L	556.00	562.00	
6 Meters Tested	L	652.50	660.00	
7 Meters Tested	L	737.00	746.00	
8 Meters Tested	L	852.00	861.00	
Charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing ancillary equipment such as payment acceptors based on the above fee plus a charge per hour (minimum of 2 hours)	L	63.77 per hour	65.00 per hour	
Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment				
For all specialist work undertaken by the service which is not included above a charge per hour on site (minimum charge of 2 hours) plus cost of provision of testing equipment applies	L	63.77 per hour	65.00 per hour	
Discounts				
Fees from Measures to Certification Calibration will be discounted as follows :-				
a) Where more than a single item is submitted on one occasion the second and subsequent fees will be reduced by 20%				
b) Where tests are undertaken using appropriately certified weights and equipment not supplied by the Borough Council the fees will be reduced by 20%				
c) Special rates can be negotiated for multiple submissions or where assistance with equipment or labour is provided				
NB – Where different fees are involved the highest fee will be charged in full and any discounts calculated from the remaining lesser fees				
Licensing – VAT not applicable				
Explosives and Fireworks Licences (Statutory Fee)				
Licence for the storage of explosives	N	**See Note	**See Note	
Licence for the sale of fireworks all year round	N	**See Note	**See Note	
**These are statutory rates that are set centrally in April				
				Minimal

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PARKING – all off-street charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%				
<i>**The below pricing reflects the proposed parking offers to be funded by the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) until December 2022 (inclusive)</i>				
<i>***Figures to be confirmed once the proposal on 2 year funding of parking offers has been approved by TVCA, expected in late 2020</i>				
Off Street Car Parks - Town Centre within Inner Ring Road included in the Parking Offer				
Car Parks - Abbots Yard, Commercial Street East & West, Winston Street North & South, Town Hall & Feethams MSCP				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Each subsequent hour	L	1.00	1.00	
Car Parks - East Street				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Per day	L	2.00	2.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Per day	L	1.00	1.00	
Off Street Car Parks - Town Centre outside Inner Ring Road excluded from the Parking Offer				
Car Parks - Archer Street, Kendrew Street East & West, Park Place East & West				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
Per hour (up to 3 hours)	L	1.00	1.00	
Per day	L	4.00	4.00	
Per week	L	16.00	16.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
Per day	L	1.00	1.00	
Car Parks - Garden Street, Hird Street, St Hilda's Tannery Yard Parkgate				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
3 hours	L	1.00	1.00	
Per day	L	4.00	4.00	
Car Parks - Chestnut Street				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
Cars per day	L	2.00	2.00	
Cars per week	L	8.00	8.00	
HGV and coaches per day	L	Free	Free	
HGV and coaches per night (6pm to 8am)	L	4.00	4.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
Cars per day	L	1.00	1.00	
HGV and coaches per day	L	Free	Free	
Car Parks - Park Lane (Station)				
Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays)				
Per day	L	5.00	5.00	
Sunday 8am to 6pm				
Per day	L	1.00	1.00	

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Areas included in the Parking Offer				
East Row Horsemarket, Barnard Street, Back Street, Beaumont Street, Duke Street, South Arden Street, Winston Street, East Raby Street, Larchfield Street, Napier Street, Powlett Street, Primrose Street, Raby Street, West Powlett Street (Max stay of 2 hours)				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays) First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Grange Road, Town Centre, Northumberland Street (Max stay of 3 hours)				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays) First 2 hours	L	Free	Free	
Subsequent 1/2 hour	L	0.50	0.50	
Areas excluded from the Parking Offer				
Gladstone Street, Kendrew Street, North Lodge Terrace, Victoria Road, Hargreave Terrace, Park Place, Swan Street, Victoria Embankment (Max stay of 2 hours)				
Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm (including bank holidays) Per 30 minutes	L	0.50	0.50	
Car Parks – Contract Parking – all charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%				
Parking locations as determined by the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services.				
Per year one space	L	950.00	950.00	
Per year two spaces	L	900.00	900.00	
Per year three spaces	L	860.00	860.00	
Per year four spaces	L	830.00	830.00	
Per year five to nine spaces	L	800.00	800.00	
Per year ten or more spaces	L	700.00	700.00	
Four Riggs				
Per calendar month	L	64.00	64.00	
Winston Street West				
Per space per year	L	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Car Parks – Staff & Members per year	L	173.04	173.04	
Residents Parking Permits				
3 month temporary permit	L	12.00	12.00	
6 month permit	L	24.00	24.00	
12 month permit	L	40.00	40.00	
Tradesmen Parking Permits				
Daily Waiver	L	5.00	5.00	
3 month permit	L	50.00	50.00	
6 month permit	L	90.00	90.00	
12 month permit	L	150.00	150.00	
				Offers funded by TVCA

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<p>BUILDING CONTROL Items inclusive of VAT at 20% Letter confirming exemption Letter confirming enforcement action will not be taken</p> <p>Decision/Approval Notice (Building Control) Responding to request for historical information from electronic databases (email response) Responding to request for historical information from electronic databases (letter response) Responding to request for historical information from manually recorded data (email response) Personal searches (email response)</p> <p>The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010 Plus VAT at 20% Work charged on individual job basis</p>	<p>L L L L L L L L</p>	<p>Free Free Free 1.00 Free Free As agreed with client</p>	<p>Free Free Free 1.00 Free Free As agreed with client</p>	<p>NIL</p>

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DOLPHIN CENTRE				
Pricing based on the introduction of a leisure card.				
Swimming				
Adult swim				
Card holder	L	3.85	3.90	
Non card holder	L	4.45	4.50	
Concession	L	2.95	3.00	
Junior Swim	L	2.65	3.00	
Concession	L	2.00	2.25	
Family swim junior rate discount (up to 4 children accompanying 1 adult)				
Per card holder	L	2.00	2.10	
Per non card holder	L	2.30	2.40	
Under 5 years	L	1.20	3.00	
Under 12 months	L	Free	Free	
Lessons	L	47.50	50.00	
Fitness Areas				
The Gym				
Card holder	L	4.65	4.90	
Non card holder	L	5.35	5.65	
Concession	L	3.50	3.70	
Junior Gym	L	3.80	4.00	
Concession	L	2.90	3.05	
Health & Fitness Classes				
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Card holder	L	4.05	4.15	
Non card holder	L	4.65	4.75	
Concession	L	3.05	3.15	
Multi Activity Sessions				
Badminton Daytime Session				
Card holder	L	2.80	2.95	
Non card holder	L	3.20	3.35	
Half Main Hall				
Adult				
Card holder	L	43.50	43.50	
Non card holder	L	50.00	50.00	
Junior (1 hour courts only)	L	30.00	30.00	
Weekday lunchtime				
Card holder	L	38.00	38.00	
Non card holder	L	42.00	42.00	
Badminton				
Adult				
Card holder	L	8.10	8.25	
Non card holder	L	9.30	9.50	
Concession	L	6.10	6.30	
Junior (1 hour courts only)	L	4.45	4.55	
Concession (1 hour courts only)	L	3.35	3.45	

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**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
Equipment Hire				
Footballs	L	Free	Free	
Footballs – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Badminton	L	2.00	2.00	
Badminton – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Squash Racquets	L	2.00	2.00	
Squash Racquets – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Table Tennis Bats	L	1.40	1.40	
Table Tennis Bats – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Pram Lock	L	Free	Free	
Pram Lock – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Children's Activities				
Crèche	L	3.55	3.75	
Soft play admissions	L	3.85	4.75	
Sensory Room	L	3.85	4.75	
Parent/toddler (Soft play)	L	3.85	4.75	
Other Activities				
Showers				
Card holders	L	1.95	2.05	
Non card holders	L	2.25	2.35	
Fit 4 Life Packages				
12 month Full Membership	L	299.40	299.40	
12 month Seniors	L	228.00	228.00	
12 month Student	L	180.00	180.00	
6 Month Full	L	195.00	195.00	
12 Month Upfront	L	275.00	275.00	
Swimming Pools				
Main Pool - per hour	L	92.00	97.00	
Diving Pool - per hour	L	52.00	55.00	
Teaching Pool - per hour	L	52.00	55.00	
Gala - per hour				
Swimming Galas - whole complex				
Normal opening hours - per hour	L	293.00	308.00	
Outside normal opening hours - per hour	L	155.00	163.00	
Swimming Galas - Schools, Junior Clubs and Organisations				
Main Pool - Peak	L	206.00	217.00	
Main Pool - Off Peak	L	145.00	153.00	
Main Pool and Teaching Pool - Peak	L	172.00	181.00	
Main Pool and Teaching Pool - Off Peak	L	177.00	187.00	
Electronic Timing	L	86.00	91.00	
Dry Sports Hall				
Main Sports Hall - per hour	L	97.00	102.00	
Special Events - per hour Weekends	L	318.00	335.00	
Preparation - per hour Weekends	L	166.00	175.00	
Special Events - Schools - per hour off peak	L	44.50	47.00	
Meeting Room	L	33.00	34.50	
Seminar Room/Stephenson Suite	L	33.00	34.50	
Central Hall				
All Events (except commercial, exhibitions and local societies)	L	101.00	106.00	
Exhibitions - commercial - per hour	L	132.00	139.00	
Local Societies event - per hour	L	69.00	73.00	
				27,000
PARKS				
Football - Hire of Hundens Park Pitch Seniors' Match	L	37.00	37.00	
Juniors Match	L	21.00	21.00	
				NIL

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
EASTBOURNE SPORTS COMPLEX				
3G Pitch				
Non Charter Standard Pay and Play (No VAT)				
3G 1/3 per hour – Adult	L	46.00	46.00	
3G 1/3 per hour – Junior	L	29.00	29.00	
3G Full pitch per hour – Adult	L	77.00	77.00	
3G Full pitch per hour – Junior	L	50.00	50.00	
Charter Standard and Partner Clubs (No VAT)				
3G 1/3 hour	L	36.00	36.00	
3G Full pitch hour	L	52.00	52.00	
Partner Club Rate Fridays 3G Full pitch hour	L	31.00	31.00	
Off Peak Summer Prices (May to August) Charter Standard and Partner Clubs				
3G 1/3 hour	L	15.50	15.50	
3G Full pitch hour	L	26.00	26.00	
Grass Pitch				
Adult per match	L	37.00	38.00	
Junior per match	L	19.00	20.00	
Athletics Track				
Non club rate				
Adult	L	3.70	3.80	
Junior	L	3.30	3.40	
Full track per hour	L	33.00	34.00	
Club rate				
Adult	L	3.10	3.10	
Junior	L	3.10	3.10	
Gym				
Adult	L	4.30	4.40	
Cardiac Concession	L	2.30	2.40	
Junior	L	2.10	2.20	
Adult induction	L	10.80	11.00	
Junior Induction	L	8.20	8.40	
Personal training per hour	L	20.60	21.00	
3 months membership	L	60.00	60.00	
12 month full upfront membership	L	150.00	150.00	
12 month direct debit membership per month	L	15.00	15.00	
Other				
Shower	L	1.90	2.00	
Function room and pavilion hire per hour	L	20.60	21.00	
				Minimal

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
HIPPODROME & HULLABALOO				
Hire & Conferencing (all pricing exclusive of VAT)				
John Wade Group Lounge - max capacity 40 (theatre style) - per hour	L	44.00	35.00	
John Wade Group Lounge - max capacity 40 (theatre style) - day hire**	L	265.00	210.00	
Living Water Tower Room - max capacity 18 - per hour	L	33.00	30.00	
Living Water Tower Room - max capacity 18 - day hire**	L	220.50	180.00	
Hippo Lounge - max capacity 70 - per hour	L	44.00	42.00	
Hippo Lounge - max capacity 70 - day hire**	L	265.00	252.00	
Hippo Education Space - max capacity 40 (workshop of approx. 25) - per hour	L	44.00	35.00	
Hippo Education Space - max capacity 40 (workshop of approx. 25) - day hire**	L	265.00	252.00	
Hullabaloo Rehearsal Space - max capacity 35 - per hour	L	44.00	35.00	
Hullabaloo Rehearsal Space - max capacity 35 - day hire**	L	265.00	210.00	
Hullabaloo Café - max capacity 70 - per hour	L	44.00	42.00	
Hullabaloo Café - max capacity 70 - day hire**	L	265.00	252.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/end full day	L	1,654.00	1,900.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/end half day	L	827.00	950.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/day full day	L	1,378.00	1,750.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/day half day	L	717.00	875.00	
Hullabaloo Theatre Hire - max capacity 150 - per hour	L	66.00	62.00	
Hullabaloo Theatre Hire - max capacity 150 - day hire**	L	397.00	450.00	
**day hire - 9am to 6pm				
Community Rate may be applicable for charities, NHS, children's groups and local artists if qualifying criteria met. This equates to 30% reduction on the above charges.				
				Minimal

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
HEAD OF STEAM				
Admission				
Adult	L	4.95	4.95	
Concession	L	3.75	3.75	
Children (6-16 years old)	L	3.00	3.00	
Children (under 6)	L	No charge	No charge	
Single annual pass	L	10.00	10.00	
Family day pass (2 adults & 4 children)	L	10.00	10.00	
Family annual pass (2 adults & 4 children)	L	15.00	15.00	
School Visit	L	No charge	No charge	
Research				
Research	L	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	
Research by Curator	L	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	£30.00 (min 1 hour & max 3 hours)	
Short research (up to 10 mins)	L	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans, photocopies and postage	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans, photocopies and postage	
Photocopying				
A4 (B&W)	L	0.20	0.20	
A3 (B&W)	L	0.40	0.40	
A4 (B&W)	L	0.50	0.50	
A3 (Colour)	L	1.00	1.00	
A0 plan copies (B&W)	L	6.50	6.50	
Digital Copies (personal) per image				
Scan of document (max A3)	L	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans	Free except for £5.00 minimum handling fee for scans	
Scan of photograph (max A3)	L	6.50	6.50	
Day photo pass	L	10.00	10.00	

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Digital Copies (commercial) per image				
Small local charitable, educational including websites	L	6.50	6.50	
Local commercial including websites	L	15.00	15.00	
Books, specialist magazines, journals & newspapers including websites	L	30.00	30.00	
Regional TV/Video/Film/DVD	L	50.00	50.00	
National/international TV/Video/Film/DVD	L	100.00	100.00	
Discount for 10 images or more	L	0.10	0.10	
Postage and Packing				
Up to A4 (in UK only)	L	Free except for 5.00 minimum handling fee	Free except for 5.00 minimum handling fee	
'Package' size and/or outside UK delivery	L	Dependant on size and weight	Dependant on size and weight	
Filming Fees				
Student Production (during opening hours)	L	Free but donation welcome	Free but donation welcome	
Small Productions (per day)	L	350.00	350.00	
Large Productions (per day)	L	700.00	700.00	
Conference Facilities				
During opening hours (per hour)	L	25.00	25.00	
Outside opening hours (per hour)	L	32.50	32.50	
Use by Museum partners (during opening hours)	L	Free	Free	
Hire of Museum Field				
Educational Use	L	No charge	No charge	
Corporate Events	L	Negotiated on an individual basis	Negotiated on an individual basis	
				NIL
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
Refuse sacks (per 25) (Exclusive of VAT)	L	102.35	105.45	
Bulky Household Collection up to 6 items	L	18.25	18.80	
Cost of replacement (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
360L Wheeled Bin	L	51.80	53.35	
240L Wheeled Bin	L	20.40	21.00	
Caddie	L	5.25	5.40	
Glass Box	L	3.35	3.45	
55L Box	L	1.65	1.70	
Lid for recycling box	L	1.40	1.45	
Lid for 240 bin	L	5.10	5.25	
				2,500

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**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
CEMETERIES				
Burial fees without exclusive right of burial (these fees will be tripled where the deceased is a non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Stillborn or child not exceeding 12 months	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 18 years	L	900.00	930.00	
Burial fees with exclusive right of burial (these fees will be doubled where the deceased is a non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Child not exceeding 12 months	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 18 years	L	900.00	930.00	
Cremated remains	L	200.00	200.00	
Exclusive rights of burial (these fees will be doubled if the purchaser is a non-resident of Darlington if not purchased at time of first interment).				
Exclusive burial rights (50 years)	L	900.00	950.00	
Exclusive burial rights for a bricked grave	L	1,800.00	1,900.00	
Other charges				
Scattering of cremated remains	L	45.00	45.00	
Indemnity form (to produce duplicate grant)	L	45.00	45.00	
Use of Cemetery Chapel	L	100.00	100.00	
After post mortem remains	L	200.00	200.00	
Evergreens (including grass mats)	L	65.00	65.00	
Exhumation of a body (excl. re-interment)	L	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Exhumation of cremated remains (excl. re-interment)	L	500.00	500.00	
Grave Maintenance (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Initial payment	L	50.00	50.00	
Annual Maintenance	L	36.00	37.00	
Memorials (fees will be doubled where the deceased to whom the memorial/inscription refers was non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Memorial rights including first inscription (30 years)	L	220.00	220.00	
Provision of kerbs – traditional sites only	L	100.00	100.00	
Vases not exceeding 300mm	L	80.00	80.00	
Additional inscription	L	80.00	80.00	
Total financial effect for Cemeteries				8,000

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**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
CREMATORIUM				
Crematorium fees (inclusive of certificate of cremation, use of organ and scattering of remains in Gardens of Remembrance at an unreserved time)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No charge	No charge	
Hospital arrangement – foetal remains	L	200.00	200.00	
Stillborn or child not exceeding 12 months	N	No charge	No charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No charge	No charge	
Person over 18 years	L	825.00	850.00	
After post mortem remains	L	200.00	200.00	
Other charges				
Medical Referee Fee	N	20.00	22.00	
Environmental Surcharge (set by CAMEO)	N	56.00	58.00	
Postal Carton	L	20.00	20.00	
Metal Urn	L	40.00	40.00	
Wooden Casket	L	50.00	50.00	
Baby Urn	L	10.00	10.00	
Crematorium Chapel	L	100.00	100.00	
Scattering of remains at reserved time	L	45.00	45.00	
Book of Remembrance (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single Entry (2 lines)	L	70.00	70.00	
Double Entry (3 or 4 lines)	L	110.00	110.00	
Additional lines	L	25.00	25.00	
Crest or floral emblem	L	115.00	115.00	
Memorial Cards (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single entry card (2 lines)	L	25.00	25.00	
Double entry card (3 or 4 lines)	L	30.00	30.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest of floral emblem	L	70.00	70.00	
Personal photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
Memorial Books (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single entry book (2 lines)	L	80.00	80.00	
Double entry card (3 or 4 lines)	L	85.00	85.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest of floral emblem	L	70.00	70.00	
Personal photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
Triptych (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single entry card (2 lines)	L	67.00	67.00	
Double entry (3 or 4 lines)	L	72.00	72.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest or floral emblem	L	70.00	70.00	
Personal Photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional Photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
Other Memorial Schemes				
Replacement kerb vase plaque	L	300.00	300.00	
Replacement flower holder	L	5.00	5.00	
Wall plaques	L	245.00	245.00	
Planter plaques	L	365.00	365.00	
Lease of space for memorial plaques (per annum)	L	25.00	25.00	
Total financial effect for Crematorium				38,000

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**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
ALLOTMENTS				
Rent per year	L	175.00	180.20	
				Minimal
HIGHWAYS				
Private apparatus in the Highway (Section 50 Licence, new installations)	L	550.00	550.00	
Private Road Openings (repair existing)	L	225.00	225.00	
Vehicle Crossings – estimate fee (taken as part of payment if go ahead with the works)	L	25.00	25.00	
Vehicle Crossings (plus actual construction costs)	L	100.00	100.00	
Vehicle Crossings if planning permission required on a classified road (plus actual construction costs)	L	150.00	150.00	
Temporary Road Closure Notices	L	130.00	130.00	
Temporary Road Closure Orders (plus advertising)	L	275.00	275.00	
Emergency Road Closures	L	130.00	130.00	
Street Naming Royal Mail Income (per address, Nationally agreed price LGIH)	L	1.00	1.00	
Street Naming & Numbering of Properties:				
- Per road name (developer suggests)	L	165.00	165.00	
- Per road name (council names)	L	200.00	200.00	
- Per plot	L	15.00	15.00	
Street Naming & Numbering of Properties:				
- Per plot or renaming of a property	L	35.00	35.00	
Rechargeable Works	L	Actual cost + 10%	Actual cost + 10%	
Temporary Traffic Light Applications	L	No Charge Individually priced based on requirements	No Charge Individually priced based on requirements	
Section 50 Licence associated bond costs	L			
Access protection markings	L	No charge	No charge	
Tourist Sign (plus actual cost of sign)	L	£75.00 + VAT	£75.00 + VAT	
Accident Data Requests	L	£75.00 + VAT	£75.00 + VAT	
Traffic Count Data	L	75.00	75.00	
Street Lighting Design Service	L	Individually priced based on charge out rate	Individually priced based on charge out rate	
Oversailing Licence	L	No charge	No charge	
Banner Licence	L	No charge	No charge	
Placing Goods on the Highway	L	155.00	155.00	
Deposits upon the Highway	L	No charge	No charge	
Temporary Development Signs – Admin Fee	L	200.00	200.00	
Temporary Development Signs – DBC undertake work on behalf of developer	L	Actual costs	Actual costs	
Switch off / on traffic signal / pelican crossings – per visit	L	150.00	150.00	
Unauthorised marks or affixing of signs to street furniture	L	No charge	No charge	

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Section 278 Highway works agreement	N	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	
Section 116 Stopping Up of the Highway	N	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	
Section 38 Road Adoption agreement	N	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	
NRSWA Defect Charges	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
NRSWA Road Opening Inspection Charges (sample)	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
Section 74 – charges for overstays	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
				NIL
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY				
Public Path Orders (HA 80 S 118 and 119, TCPA 90 s247, 257) Actual cost based on charge out rate plus advertising and legal costs				
PROW Temporary Closures – as Highways fees and charges				
Landowner Rights of Way Statement and Declaration s31.6				
One parcel of land, includes 2 notices	L	250.00	250.00	
Additional parcel	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional notice	L	50.00	50.00	
Authorisation for installing a new gate or stile (HA 80 s147)	L	100.00	100.00	
Path Orders under Deregulation Act Actual cost based on charge out rate plus advertising and legal costs, to include but not restricted to pre-application advice, processing the application, resolving objections, making the order, confirmation of the order, and any subsequent Public Inquiry or Hearing				
				NIL
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT				
Charges for Concessionary Travel (ENCTS);				
Replacement pass for lost/stolen without a CRN	L	10.00	10.00	
Learn to Ride per session (child)	L	3.00	3.00	
Production, placement and retrieval of notices when bus stops are temporarily per bus stop	L	60.00	60.00	
Production and placement of bus timetable information when bus services have to be re-registered due to road closures – up to 6 timetables	L	84.00	84.00	
				NIL
TRANSPORT SERVICES				
Charges for Taxi Licensing;				
Taxi Vehicle Test	L	50.00	50.00	
Taxi Vehicle Test and MOT	L	60.00	60.00	
Failure to attend (less than 48 hours' notice)	L	50.00	50.00	
Re-test	L	25.00	25.00	
Re-test including emissions	L	35.00	35.00	
Re-test emissions only	L	10.00	10.00	
Charges for General Public;				
MOT for Motorbike Class I & II	L	25.00	25.00	
MOT for Standard Car Class IV	L	35.00	35.00	
MOT for Class V Vehicles	L	40.00	40.00	
MOT for Class VII Vehicles	L	40.00	40.00	
				NIL

Description	Type**	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING				
Works in default & statutory activities per hour	L	47.00	47.00	
Housing inspections & consultancy per hour (inclusive of VAT)	L	56.00	56.00	
Charge for the service relevant Housing Act 2004 legal notice	L	421.00	421.00	
Securing empty homes (addition of VAT by agreement)	L	280.00	280.00	
Houses in Multiple Occupation Activities;				
HMO licence fee per letting/let/tenancy	L	187.00	187.00	
Other relevant HMO activities per hour	L	47.00	47.00	
Housing Immigration Inspections;				
Within 10 working days (including VAT)	L	141.00	141.00	
Fast Track within 5 working days (including VAT)	L	188.00	188.00	
General Enforcement Activities:				
Hourly rate for preparation of case reports/prosecutions	L	47.00	47.00	
Additional copies of legal notices via post	L	10.00	10.00	
Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms (England) Regulation 2015;				
Fines for failing to provide a working smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. Offence by the same individual or organisation;				
First	N	500.00	500.00	
Second	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Third	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fourth	N	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Fifth or more	N	5,000.00	5,000.00	
The Redress Schemes for Letting Agency Work and Property Management Work (England) Order 2014;				
Fines for failing to join an approved letting and management redress scheme;				
Businesses that have been served with a notice of intent and failed to join an approved scheme	N	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Businesses that have joined an approved scheme following the service of the notice of intent	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Businesses that have joined an approved scheme prior to enforcement action being taken, after the 1st October 2014	N	3,000.00	3,000.00	
**The Redress Scheme is currently undergoing a national review and may be replaced prior to April 2021 by a new civil penalty policy				

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**KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations				
Penalty (less than 3 months in breach) renting a non-compliant property	N	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Penalty (3 months or more in breach) renting out a non-compliant property	N	Up to 4,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 4,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Providing false or misleading information on the PRS Exemptions Register	N	Up to 1,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 1,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Failing to comply with a compliance notice	N	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Housing and Planning Act 2016				
Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice (under section 30 of the Housing Act 2004)	N	Civil penalties of up to 30,000 per offence as an alternative to prosecution	Civil penalties of up to 30,000 per offence as an alternative to prosecution	
Failure to comply with a Prohibition Order (under section 32 of the Housing Act 2004)				
Breach of a banning order made under section 21 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (due to be enacted in November 2017);				
Using violence to secure entry to a property (under section 6 of the Criminal Law Act 1977)				
Illegal eviction or harassment of the occupiers of a property (under section 1 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977)				
COST OF REVENUE COLLECTION				
Council Tax – All Charges do not incur VAT				
Issue of Summons for Liability Order	L	33.50	33.50	
Issue of Liability Order	L	44.00	44.00	
Issue of Summons for Committal Hearing	L	90.00	90.00	
Issue of Statutory Demand	L	157.50	157.50	
Business Rates (NNDR) – All Charges do not incur VAT				
Issue of Summons for Liability Order	L	33.50	33.50	
Issue of Liability Order	L	44.00	44.00	
Issue of Summons for Committal Hearing	L	90.00	90.00	
Issue of Statutory Demand	L	157.50	157.50	
				NIL
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				NIL

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APPENDIX 4

**KEY ASSUMPTIONS USED IN PROJECTED
RESOURCES, EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2021/22-2024/25**

Factor	Assumption
Resources	
Council Tax base	Variable depending on projected additional properties.
Council Tax	4.99% increase in 2021/22 year (including 3% for the Adult Social Care precepts) and then a 1.99% increase in 2022/23, 2023/24 & 2024/25.
Council Tax collection	99% collected
Government Grants	Government grants for 2021/22 as indicated in 2020 spending review and indicative figures for 2022/23 – 2024/25.
	Increase in Business Rates Scheme Top Up Grant of 0.5% in 2021/22, 1.59% in 2022/23, 1.96% in 2023/24 & 1.92% in 2024/25 (projected CPI).
	Revenue Support Grant 2021/22 flat lined to 2024/25.
	Continuation of Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) at 2020/21 rates.
	Continuation of 2020/21 Social Care Support Grant of £2.952m in total and assumed to continue to 2024/25. And a further £0.550m in additional grant for 2021/22 as per the spending review.
	New Homes Bonus (NHB) legacy payments will continue but no new ones assumed after 2021/22, any funding beyond this subject to 2020 Spending Review so assumed to discontinue in 2023/24.
Expenditure	
Pay inflation	2021-22 1% and thereafter 2% in line with national scheme.
Price inflation	Only contractual inflation on running costs
Local Government Pension Scheme	Contribution rate of 18.4% for 2021/22 – 2023/24 plus past service deficit contributions of £0.271m in 2021/22, £0.280m in 2022/23, amounts set aside in Contingencies for potential increase post 2022/23 Triennial review.
Financing Costs	
Interest rates payable	Average rate on existing debt 2021/22 of 2.48%; 2022/23 of 2.39%; 2023/24 of 2.35% & 2024/25 of 2.35%.
Interest rates payable on new debt – 10 year rate	2021/22 of 2.15%; 2022/23 of 2.28%; 2023/24 of 2.35% & 2024/25 of 2.40%.
Interest rates receivable	0.10% in 2021/22 & 2022/23; 0.25% in 2023/24 & 0.75% in 2024/25.
Income	
Inflationary increases	Various based on individual service considerations

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REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2020/21

<u>Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2021</u>	
	2020-24 MTFP (Feb 2020)
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) :-	£000
MTFP Planned Opening Balance 01/04/2020	18,092
Approved net contribution from balances	1,271
Planned Closing Balance 31/03/2021	19,363
Increase in opening balance from 2019-20 results	274
Projected corporate underspends / (overspends) :-	
Adult Social Care re-based savings	525
Economic Growth re-based savings	372
Council Wide	(389)
Troubled Families grant not required	503
Financing Costs	345
Financing costs - Covid 19	(236)
Joint Venture - Investment Return - Covid 19	(125)
Projected Collection Fund deficit - Covid 19	(2,568)
Government Grant - Covid -19	7,174
Government Grant - Covid -19 estimate of £1bn	1,508
Government Grant - SFC	4,095
Projected General Fund Reserve (excluding Departmental) at 31st March 2021	30,841
Planned Balance at 31st March 2021	19,363
Improvement	11,478

<u>Departmental projected year-end balances</u>	
	Improvement / (decline) compared with 2019-23 MTFP
	£000
Children & Adults Services	(1,879)
Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services Resources	(8,261)
	(195)
TOTAL	(10,335)

<u>Summary Comparison with :-</u>	
	2019-23 MTFP £000
Corporate Resources - increase in opening balance from 19/20 results	274
Corporate Resources - additional in-year Improvement/(Decline)	12,875
Projected Collection Fund deficit	(2,568)
Quarter 1 budget claw back	897
Departmental - Improvement / (Decline)	(10,335)
Improvement / (Decline) compared with MTFP	1,143
Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2021	20,506

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RISK RESERVE

	Risk	Consequence	Scale	Financial Loss £m	Likelihood %	Annual Risk £m	Period (Years)	Reserve Required £m
ECONOMIC Page 65	Economic Downturn	Reduced Revenue Income – Leisure, Culture, Planning, Property & Parking	£15m @ £0.150m per 1% - assess risk of 10%	1.500	25%	0.375	2	0.750
		Reduction in Business Rate Income	£19m @ 5% risk	0.950	10%	0.095	2	0.190
		Increase in LCTS claimants	Taxbase increase of 1% @ average Council Tax (less 20% contribution)	0.450	10%	0.045	2	0.090
		Failure of significant service provider contractors	£36m pa corporately – assess risk of 10% cost increase	3.600	10%	0.360	2	0.720
	Energy Costs Significant Increases	Higher Annual Revenue Costs		0.200	20%	0.040	2	0.080
	General Price Inflation	Higher Annual Revenue Costs	£70m – assess risk of 2%	1.400	20%	0.280	2	0.560
	Slow down in housing growth	Not achieving house growth as anticipated	100 Band D equivalents @ circa £1,600 per property	0.160	25%	0.040	4	0.160
	Adverse Changes in Interest Rates	Higher Financing costs	Net Debt £120m @ 1% = £1.2m	1.200	10%	0.120	1	0.120
	Brexit	Increased demand and reduced income	£93m net revenue budget @1%	0.900	25%	0.225	2	0.450
	Pandemic or Similar Event	Increased employee absence requiring cover at extra cost	£0.5M per 1% of employee costs	0.500	10%	0.050	1	0.050
SERVICES	New Children's Care Packages	Higher Costs	Average £0.200m per Case – 5 cases	1.000	30%	0.300	4	1.200
			Average £0.040m per case – 10 cases	0.400	30%	0.120	4	0.480
	Social Care Increasing Demand	Higher annual Revenue Costs		0.500	30%	0.150	2	0.300
Capital Overspends	Fund from Revenue (no Capital Resources available)	One-off £5M funded over 10 years	0.500	10%	0.050	2	0.100	
GENERAL	Corporate Manslaughter	Unlimited Fine	Assess risk of £10M fine	10.000	1%	0.100	1	0.100
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RESERVE REQUIREMENT								5.350

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL TERM 2020 TO 2024

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Children and Adults Services	61.026	63.497	65.465	67.672
Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services	24.322	22.660	23.368	24.241
Resources	10.525	10.916	11.089	11.310
Financing costs	0.823	0.956	2.921	2.933
Investment Returns - Joint Ventures	(1.546)	(1.286)	(1.349)	(1.632)
Council Wide (Savings)/Pressures	(0.550)	(0.557)	(0.573)	(0.584)
Council Wide Contingencies	0.525	0.525	1.512	1.512
Contribution to/(from) revenue balances	(0.430)	(1.780)	(5.617)	(6.063)
Total Net Expenditure	94.695	94.931	96.816	99.389
<u>Resources - Projected and assumed</u>				
Council Tax	55.030	56.809	58.594	60.643
Business rates retained locally	19.016	19.318	19.697	20.075
Top Up	7.340	7.457	7.603	7.749
Revenue Support Grant (RSG)	3.614	3.614	3.614	3.614
New Homes Bonus (NHB)	0.717	0.425	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund (BCF)	4.356	4.356	4.356	4.356
Adult Social Care Support Grant	3.502	2.952	2.952	2.952
SR20 additional government funding	1.119	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Resources	94.695	94.931	96.816	99.389
<u>Balances</u>				
Opening balance	20.506	16.964	15.184	9.567
Risk Reserve	(5.350)	0.000	0.000	0.000
SR20 Collection fund contribution	1.238	0.000	0.000	0.000
Contribution from Collection Fund	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Contribution to/(from) balances	(0.430)	(1.780)	(5.617)	(6.063)
Closing balance	16.964	15.184	9.567	3.504

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Darlington Parent Carer Forum

Life for Families of children with additional needs during lockdown, and thereafter.

Background

Darlington Parent Carer Forum are a group of parents, who work with education, health and social care as well as other providers to ensure that the services delivered meet the needs of families in our area. We are the Department for Education recognised forum for parent participation in Darlington. We work to represent the views of families in Darlington to influence both service development and strategic decision making.

Covid 19 Response

At the beginning of the pandemic as for everybody life was confusing for parents of children with additional needs, messages didn't come quickly enough and were often not clear. Within the first week we identified that parents were suddenly feeling very isolated so in response to this we set up twice weekly zoom meetings for parents to access peer support but also to tell us of their challenges.

Initially we were hearing about a lack of differentiation on work set and children struggling with routine changes, we hosted a zoom session with Tony Murphy from the LA to provide clarity on what could be expected for children with SEND and we know he spoke to head teachers to relay the message and parental concern.

“My daughter went back to school in June, she has an EHCP. She so needed this routine” -

Feedback from a
Darlington Parent



SENDIASS also assisted in a few meetings with specific schools who made sure work was accessible.

We heard that some families were told that children with EHCPs were not able to access school places, due to risk assessments, staffing levels and PPE. However guidance from the DFE was clear that a risk assessment was to be used to highlight the risk to the child and making sure school was the safest place for them to be and not about risk to staff. Local Authority further clarified this and we hosted an online session for parents with Darlington’s Head of Education to explain the position of the local authority that any child with an EHCP should be able to attend school should they/their family choose. However from feedback received from families, we believe that this was still not always the case for all children with EHCPs in Darlington.

Parents told us that the change/lack of routine was extremely difficult for their children/ young people. A lot of services stepped back during this time too. It became clear that though risk assessments had been done for families it had not been done with them as per guidance, this meant that we heard of families struggling, yet nobody had contacted them. According to a survey completed in August of 51 respondents only 4 had been aware such an assessment was done. This was disappointing as the risk assessments were designed to be done with families.

“The government required that all children and young people who were known to services had a risk assessment carried out jointly across education, health and care services. Have you been made aware of this and been part of this process in assessing your child/young person?”

In terms of the EHCP process and panels we had differing feedback from parents. It was clear that it had been a trickier time for those who had already started the EHCP process who had the hard decision as to whether to carry on or “pause”. Parents told us that though they have been frustrated by the situation and implications of delays had been in agreement with the decision as had wanted the reports of professionals who couldn’t currently visit schools to be included. We were however thrilled to hear from parents who had had decisions for school placements agreed at panel and the move managed despite lockdown restrictions.

What did parents need?

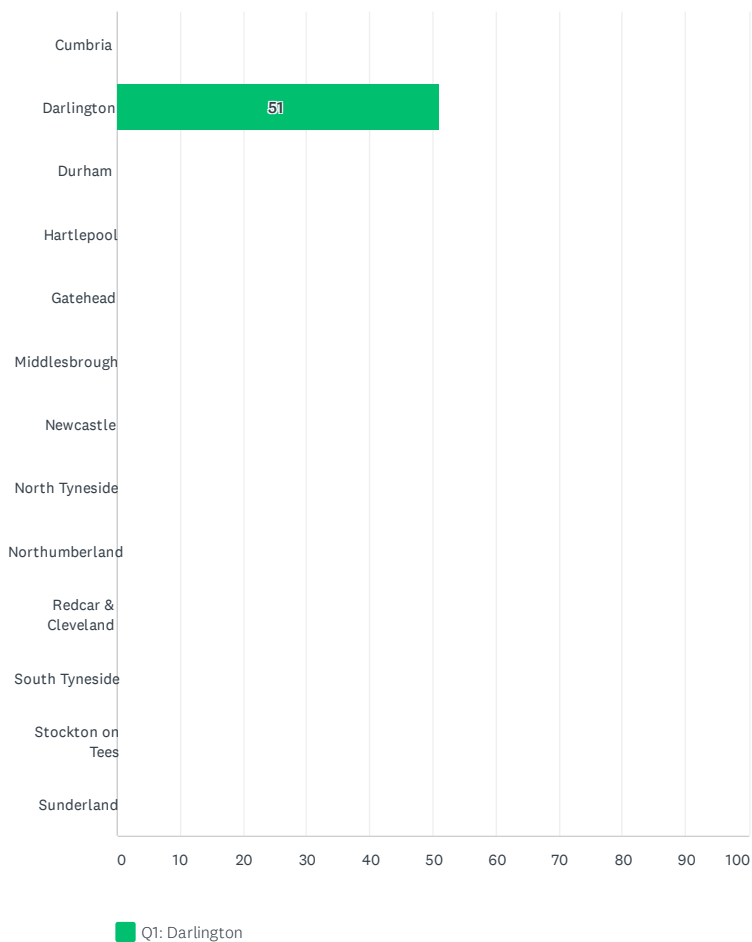
Unfortunately a lot of parents of children with SEND in Darlington did not feel supported during the pandemic. Parents told us that mental health support for themselves as parent carers would’ve been helpful and that practical support was greatly needed. Training opportunities for parents who suddenly found their children without support and intervention. Parents also told us better support around transitions would’ve been beneficial

And Now

With ever changing guidance parents are still looking for clarity. This is made all the more difficult by differing school policies, cross border placements and changes to restrictions. Parents are concerned about the impact isolating has on children, particularly those with additional needs in terms of social communication difficulties where advice is to limit screen time, now everything is on screen. There has been difficulties with this for parents throughout the pandemic however the original message of “do what you can” seems to no longer remain with children expected to be participating in online learning and interventions regardless. We also heard from many families who struggled to have accessible IT equipment, this is something that needs to be looked into moving forward. We’ve also had contact from many parents in early years who are looking for advice on socialisation and strategies to use within the family in identifying non verbal communication. The overwhelming message from parent carers is one of fatigue, trying to keep up and a general sense of overwhelm. Respite has been limited. It would be an impossibility for us to write a report giving recommendations for these families however it has been clear throughout this year that families of children with additional needs have in some instances been overlooked. Coproduction hasn’t happened as it should have and decisions made about rather than with families. It would be our hope moving forward that there has been some learning from this.

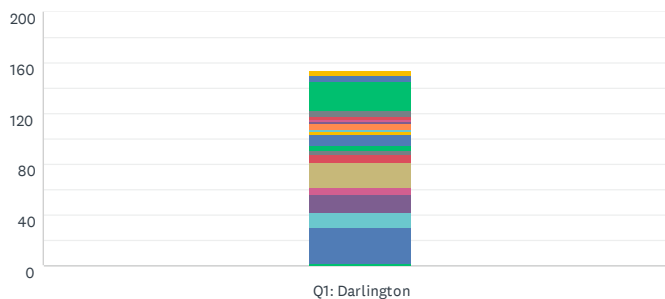
Q1 Please select which local area you live in

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



Q2 Please select which services you and your child/children access

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



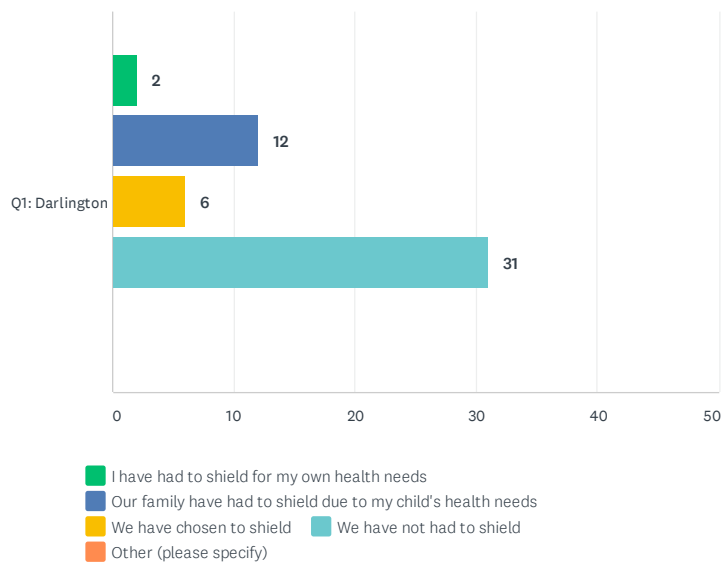
- Advocacy
- Child/Adolescent Mental Health Support (CAMHS, CYPS)
- Early Support Care Co-Ordination (Portage)
- Educational Psychology
- Family Hubs
- Occupational Therapy (Including Sensory Therapy)
- Physiotherapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Wheelchair Services/Specialist Equipment
- Personal Assistants
- Social Worker
- Disabilities Social Worker
- Early Help Support Worker
- Key Worker
- Continence Service
- Short Breaks Providers
- Short Breaks Grant
- Day Time Respite
- Overnight Respite
- Charitable Organisations
- Parent Carer Support Groups
- None
- Other (please specify)

	ADVOCACY	CHILD/ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT (CAMHS, CYPS)	EARLY SUPPORT CARE CO-ORDINATION (PORTAGE)	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	FAMILY HUBS	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (INCLUDING SENSORY THERAPY)	PHYSIOTHERAPY	SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY	WHEELCHAIR SERVICES/SPE EQUIPMENT
Q1: Darlington	3.92% 2	54.90% 28	0.00% 0	23.53% 12	0.00% 0	27.45% 14	11.76% 6	37.25% 19	
Total Respondents	2	28	0	12	0	14	6	19	7

#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	Visual impairment LIN team	8/3/2020 12:21 PM
2	Paediatrics. Orthotics. Ophthalmologist	7/29/2020 12:49 PM
3	Compass Reach	7/28/2020 3:05 PM
4	SCOS and Young Carers	7/26/2020 4:31 PM

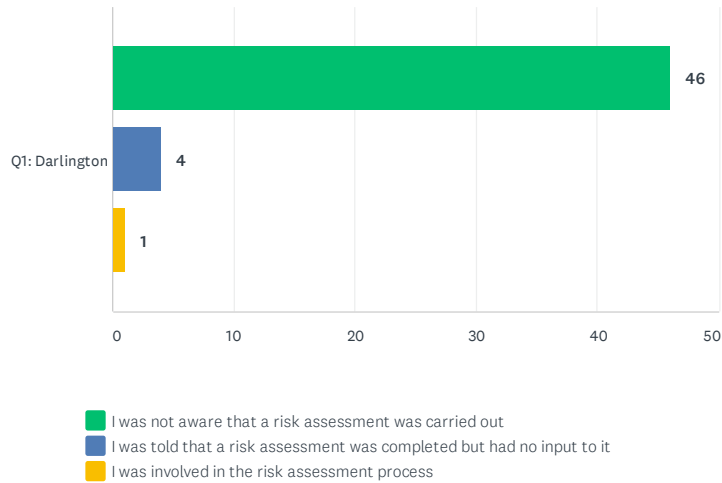
Q3 Has any member of your family had to shield as a result of COVID-19

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



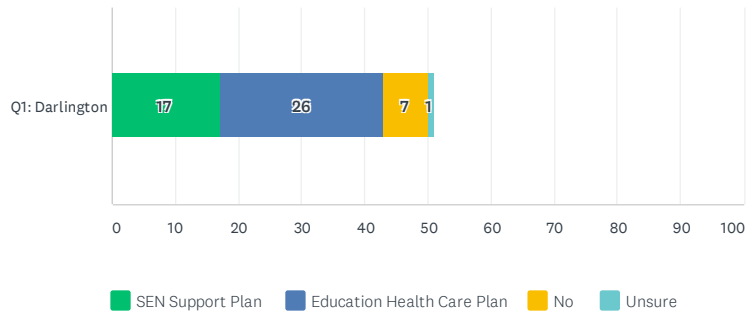
Q4 The government required that all children and young people who were known to services had a risk assessment carried out jointly across education, health and care services. Have you been made aware of this and been part of this process in assessing your child/young person?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



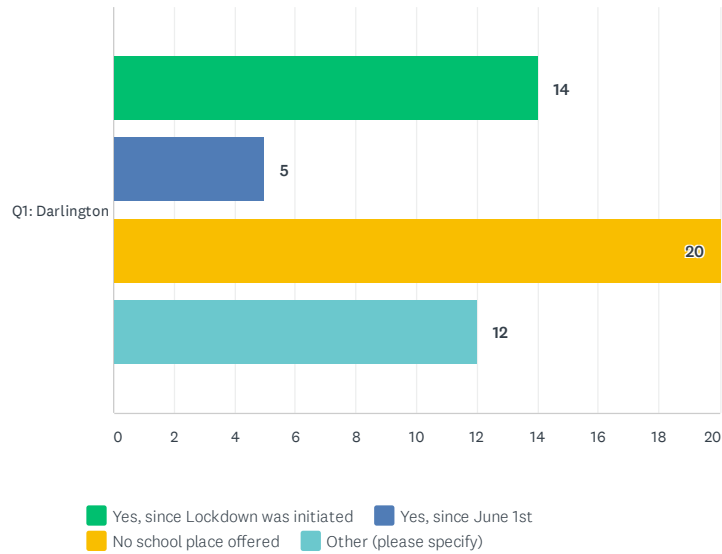
Q5 Does your child have an SEN Support Plan or an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



Q6 Since lockdown has your child/young person been offered a place within an educational setting?

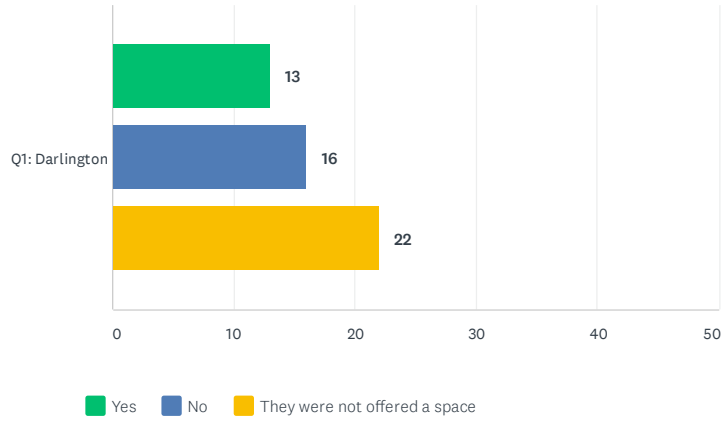
Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	July	8/11/2020 9:27 PM
2	Was in last year of school	8/11/2020 8:46 PM
3	Child was shielding	8/11/2020 1:47 PM
4	Already In specialist provision	8/11/2020 12:23 PM
5	Both parents key workers attended school 3 days from March to July due to working commitments of parents. We choose for neither child to attend unless essential	8/8/2020 8:06 AM
6	We had to shield	8/3/2020 10:14 AM
7	Already in educational setting	7/30/2020 3:18 PM
8	Was declined	7/30/2020 9:09 AM
9	Daughter attends private nursery, which was shut for part of lockdown	7/29/2020 1:18 PM
10	Yes as key worker	7/29/2020 12:49 PM
11	Pathways	7/28/2020 12:21 PM
12	Returned to school part way through lockdown	7/24/2020 9:53 AM

Q7 If your child/young person was offered place within an educational setting, did you choose to send your child?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



Q8 Overall, how well supported by services do you and your child feel, during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 7

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	Q1: DARLINGTON	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	
1	100.00% 12	27.27% 12		1.00
2	100.00% 3	6.82% 3		2.00
3	100.00% 5	11.36% 5		3.00
4	100.00% 1	2.27% 1		4.00
5	100.00% 6	13.64% 6		5.00
6	100.00% 3	6.82% 3		6.00
7	100.00% 5	11.36% 5		7.00
8	100.00% 2	4.55% 2		8.00
9	100.00% 2	4.55% 2		9.00
10	100.00% 5	11.36% 5		10.00
Q1: DARLINGTON				
Please tell us why you have responded with this rating			0	0
			TOTAL	

North East & Cumbria Regional Parent Carer Forum

#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	Requested support when struggling with 3 children recently adopted with additional needs and was told we didn't meet the 'key worker' requirements! My husband is a government worker and myself for NHS 111. No other support was advised or given. My children have not been referred to paediatrician for anxiety resulted from being off school and attachment issues with returning to school due to lack of support from Covid	8/13/2020 8:04 PM
2	My child's school teacher rang once a week, this is the only input we have had	8/11/2020 8:54 PM
3	We had more phone calls than usual	8/11/2020 8:48 PM
4	Darlington Carer forum always provides the best support they can offer. It's a disgrace that only one person is employed part time to run it! Carla does an amazing job. The council need to be contributing more to this service	8/11/2020 8:47 PM
5	Nothing offered, no contact made	8/11/2020 7:26 PM
6	We've had parental support via monthly calls with CAMHS but no direct support of our child whose behaviour and mental health has deteriorated significantly.	8/11/2020 6:04 PM
7	CAMHS was supportive, but feel let down by school	8/11/2020 5:29 PM
8	All services stopped	8/11/2020 1:57 PM
9	We have found it very difficult to get any support	8/11/2020 1:25 PM
10	Managed to get a Camhs appointment within 2 weeks instead of 8 months wait we had before. Put a referral in to OT but they hadn't recorded the appointment - having to wait another month.	8/11/2020 12:36 PM
11	There isn't any services to access	8/11/2020 12:07 PM
12	My child wasn't supported except by parents. No school place was available due to needs only due to our key worker status	8/8/2020 8:18 AM
13	There social worker contacted them weekly throughout.	8/4/2020 9:52 AM
14	My child is at the beginning of assessment for an ECHP and autism screening, so not sure if this is relevant to us yet. We have had communication regarding the progress.	8/3/2020 12:46 PM
15	Only 1 email from SENCO nothing else	8/3/2020 12:29 PM
16	My daughters previous school unit at Hurworth hardly contacted me. There was a gap of 7 weeks with no contact at all.	8/3/2020 10:31 AM
17	Although we had food delivered every week but we informed the council as the child shield is coeliac so it was of not much use which is why one of us had to go out to shop and stop the food delivery	8/3/2020 10:19 AM
18	It has been a difficult time for all and a number of appointments were done over the phone which is not ideal but better than them being cancelled. The NHS has done an amazing job juggling the crisis and maintaining a level of BAU activities where possible.	8/3/2020 9:45 AM
19	I have not accessed any	8/3/2020 8:44 AM
20	I felt my child's school were fantastic in supporting me (as a key worker) and my child. My child actually enjoyed school a lot more as it was so quiet.	8/3/2020 8:27 AM
21	The diabetes team were always advising over the phone and checking in on us	8/3/2020 3:20 AM
22	we have been left with no support other than college SEN officer called once and email only once since the beginning	7/31/2020 11:48 AM
23	CAMHS and school got in touch	7/30/2020 9:15 AM
24	School kept in regular weekly contact by phone. Online education could be accessed. No problem receiving incontinence service	7/29/2020 6:04 PM
25	Phonecalls provided by physio & OT	7/29/2020 1:22 PM
26	Homework and contact from school. Nothing else.	7/29/2020 1:22 PM
27	Appointments cancelled, no phone contact	7/29/2020 12:52 PM
28	No support offered	7/28/2020 3:08 PM
29	My daughter has ASD and selective mutism we have had no support whatsoever from both school and CAMHS. As a result of this she has got extremely worse with her anxiety, her talking her sensory she has completely gone downhill.	7/28/2020 12:15 PM
30	Young Carers have been amazing. Video calls with CAMHS were good too	7/26/2020 4:35 PM
31	Had no support other than the odd phone call from school and lifelines before lockdown	7/26/2020 1:00 PM
32	We have had no support.	7/24/2020 11:05 PM
33	All except school we're good	7/24/2020 8:37 PM
34	When school agreed she could return it was helpful, we had nothing prior to that. All support stopped	7/24/2020 9:57 AM

Q9 Thinking about your child/young person's educational setting please select the relevant support that you and your child/young person has received

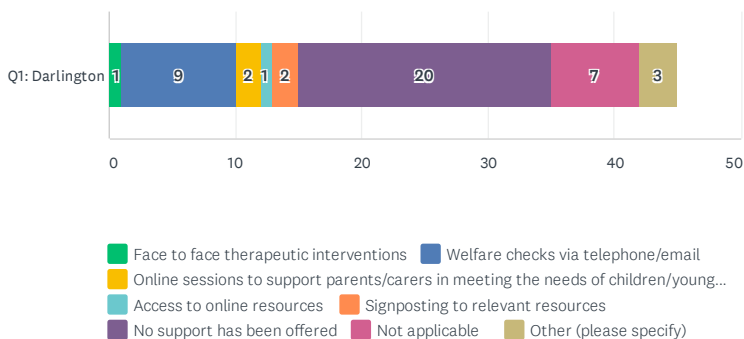
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	Q1: DARLINGTON	TOTAL
Welfare checks via telephone/email	100.00% 22	50.00% 22
Welfare checks in person (social distancing)	100.00% 3	6.82% 3
Work/activity packs	100.00% 21	47.73% 21
Provided equipment (for example a laptop)	100.00% 4	9.09% 4
Online learning resources	100.00% 23	52.27% 23
Interactive video sessions with staff (zoom, teams etc)	100.00% 8	18.18% 8
Part time/full time provision within school as child/young person has an EHCP	100.00% 2	4.55% 2
Part time/full time provision within school as parent/carers are a key worker	100.00% 3	6.82% 3
No support has been offered	100.00% 6	13.64% 6
Other (please specify)	100.00% 6	13.64% 6
Total Respondents	44	44

#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	The online homework was not tailored to meet her needs as a child with EAL, poor working memory, and delayed access to education were not met. SENCO support was not available during lockdown and no direct contact between school and child except via generic emails and homework tasks	8/11/2020 6:04 PM
2	Part time provision offered when y10 returned to school. Child was too uncomfortable to access zoom meetings with group would have preferred 1:1. Was told by Sen to ask my child to ask TA is required help and not to email teacher for support.	8/11/2020 12:36 PM
3	Strongly discouraged to use keyworker status and had to provide evidence from employees to confirm BOTH parents keyworkers. Virtual assemblies available to access. One generic letter from class teacher and daily homework	8/8/2020 8:18 AM
4	Only two emails from the unit . Masses of work sent from subject teachers overloading my child	8/3/2020 10:31 AM
5	child attended private nursery once it re opened as parent a keyworker	7/29/2020 1:22 PM
6	Son is now in mental health hospital	7/24/2020 10:07 AM

Q10 Thinking about health services such as OT, Physiotherapy, Speech & Language (SALT) please select all relevant support that you and your child/young person has received.

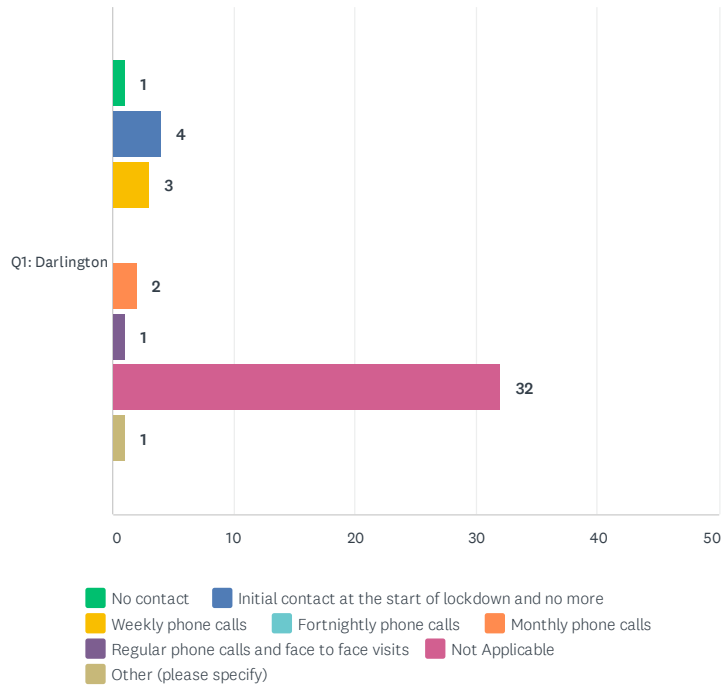
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#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	Arranged an OT appointment but they hadn't daired this of made a note that I'd called.	8/11/2020 12:36 PM
2	Referral to oT	7/31/2020 12:15 PM
3	Telephone physio which then tried to discharge without face to face contact	7/29/2020 12:52 PM

Q11 If you and your child/young person have a social worker (including disability-specific) please select the amount of contact you have had from them.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 7



#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	Normal review only	8/11/2020 12:26 PM

Q12 Thinking about any respite and short breaks that you and your child/young person are accessing please select all relevant statements

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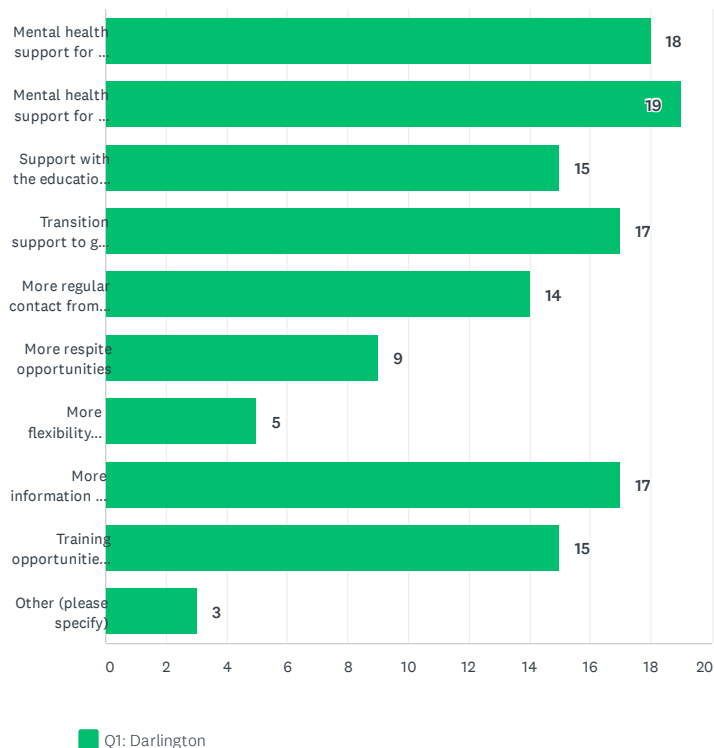
	Q1: DARLINGTON	TOTAL
Personal Assistants have been able to come and support my child/young person with personal care needs in the home (1)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Personal Assistants have been able to take my child/young person into the community (2)	100.00% 1	2.27% 1
Direct payments have continued and these have been able to be used outside the normal guidelines to enable us to still meet my child/young person's needs (3)	100.00% 1	2.27% 1
My child/young person has been able to access their overnight respite (4)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
We have had to continue to use our direct payments to pay for personal assistants and other respite that have not been accessible (5)	100.00% 2	4.55% 2
We have had access to a short breaks offer that has enable us to meet the needs of my child/young person, for example equipment, activities alternative respite (6)	100.00% 2	4.55% 2
Short breaks providers have offered a virtual package of support and activities (7)	100.00% 1	2.27% 1
Short breaks providers have been delivering activity packs directly to us, for example skipping ropes, outdoor games and activities and others (8)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
We have had no short breaks offer as all services have been suspended (9)	100.00% 4	9.09% 4
Budget restrictions has meant that I was unable to access the offer in my area (10)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
I am not aware of any short breaks offer in our area (11)	100.00% 24	54.55% 24
Other (please specify) (12)	100.00% 11	25.00% 11
Total Respondents	44	44

BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Q1: Darlington	2.00	12.00	11.00	10.13	2.45

#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	We don't access short breaks	8/13/2020 8:04 PM
2	Due to shielding there has been no PA or respite.	8/11/2020 1:57 PM
3	None applicable	8/8/2020 8:18 AM
4	I don't think we have access to anything yet.	8/3/2020 12:46 PM
5	Unable to access short breaks or payments to help. Turned down by social workers life stages team twice	8/3/2020 10:31 AM
6	Not applicable	7/29/2020 6:04 PM
7	Na	7/29/2020 1:49 PM
8	not relevant	7/29/2020 1:22 PM
9	Not applicable	7/29/2020 12:52 PM
10	We have never been offered respite/short breaks as the criteria are set too high	7/26/2020 4:35 PM
11	Direct payment stopped during covid	7/24/2020 10:07 AM

Q13 What support would have been beneficial for you and your family during this time of lockdown?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 7



#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	I am very thankful to the parent Carer support group for help via zoom	8/3/2020 10:31 AM
2	The school supported me brilliantly through this period.	8/3/2020 8:27 AM
3	Not applicable	7/29/2020 6:04 PM

Q14 Please provide any further comments regarding how supported you and your family have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic and what would have helped support you and your child more.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 7

	PLEASE PROVIDE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS REGARDING HOW SUPPORTED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE FELT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND WHAT WOULD HAVE HELPED SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR CHILD MORE.	TOTAL
Q1: Darlington		100.00% 44
Total Respondents	44	44

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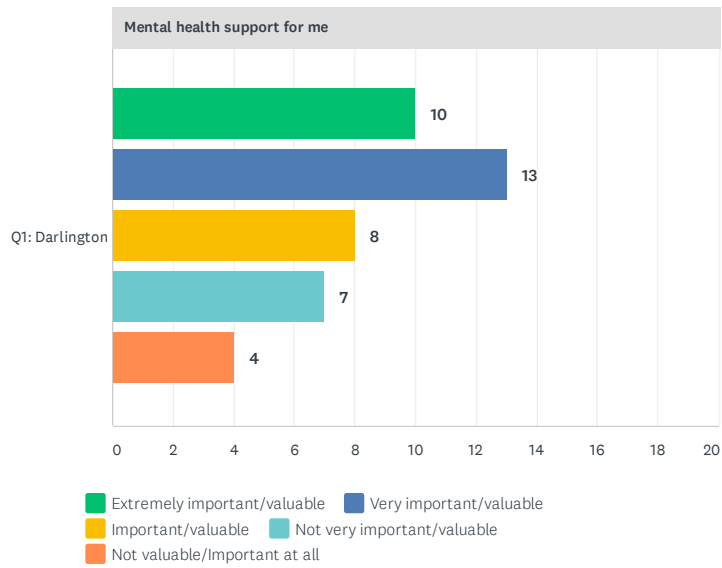
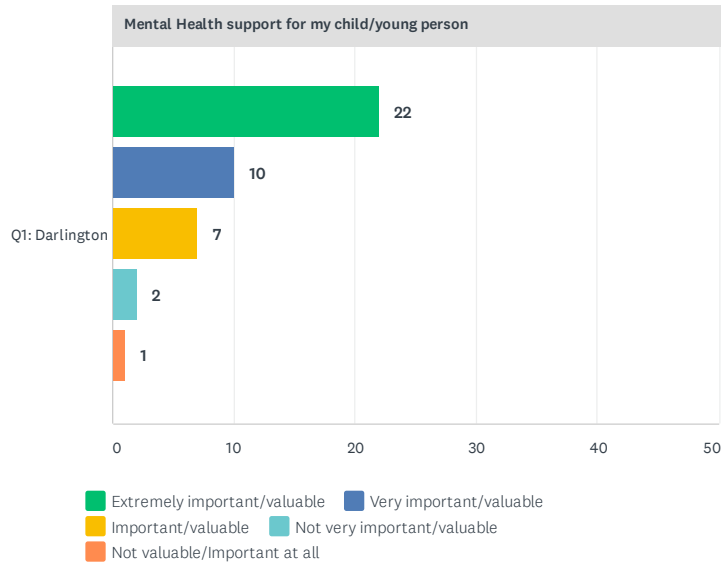
#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	We have been not supported at all	8/13/2020 8:04 PM
2	I had to ring the doctor to see if my son had to insolate and I've not been told if he is allowed out yet, he has now been in my house for 142 days	8/11/2020 8:54 PM
3	Fairly supportive	8/11/2020 8:48 PM
4	We used early help. No welfare assessment was completed. Video calls arranged to see my children but never went ahead. Changed key workers through out. No initial assessment paperwork received by myself or other agencies from early help. No TAF notes or guidance given to myself or other outside agencies. Was threatened with legal action if I talk about my experience with them as I am a blogger.	8/11/2020 8:47 PM
5	No help offered even when parents are both key workers	8/11/2020 7:26 PM
6	We feel very let down and alone with CAMHS Crisis and police as our only emergency resource amidst increasing challenges. We would have liked therapeutic intervention with our child in a regular basis. We needed respite and believe this should have been available via statutory services. In the absence of that, we have relied on the willingness of family/ friends to break the law by taking her before we broke. This put enormous strain on our relationships as a family, a couple, within our usual support networks and may have caused irreparable damage to some of those relationships.	8/11/2020 6:04 PM
7	I have two children with additional needs and although CAHMS have been good with my daughter, this was only after she self-harmed, prior to that we did not get any support. We had lots of work sent from school (too much) and then a text every few weeks checking in. I think they could of phoned and even spoke to child. I asked for help with laptop, told all resources gone (she has a support plan - well should have one, they have supposedly been issuing one since Dec 19) My son is at college, they expected him to be online to do coursework and chased him every week. Eventually after explaining he did not have access to a laptop, they sent things. They did arrange for him to go in for his final exam and found them a lot more supportive than my daughter's school (he has an EHC)	8/11/2020 5:29 PM
8	Zoom sessions with teacher and classmates	8/11/2020 3:12 PM
9	Totally left to cope on our own. School was the only service still in contact and provided e-learning.	8/11/2020 1:57 PM
10	Unsupported by any one, left to our own devices. Poor contact from school with regards to my childs needs. Other places of work that had to adjust to home working evolved and developed over lockdown, the support offered has not which is very disappointing.	8/11/2020 1:25 PM
11	During covid -19 informed that needs assessment rejected by LA. We had to attend mediation and have appealed. The stress that this has caused us as a family has been awful. It's one thing not to offer support but it's another to put unnecessary stress on a family in an already stressful time. Ps ta's at school had been in regular contact with my child via email, Camhs support has been quick and very good.	8/11/2020 12:36 PM
12	Sensory processing support and resources	8/11/2020 12:26 PM
13	.	8/11/2020 12:25 PM
14	My daughter has SEN and no longer under CAMHS though they sent out packs and ran sessions. We heard nothing from school other than "telling offs" because she wasn't completing work within the designated time allocated though she was trying this increased her anxiety.	8/11/2020 12:07 PM
15	School brought into force only those children with two parents as key workers due to the large numbers that would require the provision. I'm not aware they included those with HECP or SEND. No information around SEND was communicated	8/8/2020 8:18 AM
16	More departed and isolated	8/4/2020 9:52 AM
17	I think my child's school did a good job with sending out work. We did struggle with his special needs. However I feel my child's senco and class teacher offered as much support as they were able.	8/3/2020 12:46 PM
18	Only 1 email from school senco. There couldve been a lot more contact. My mum passed away from Covid and no emotional support was given to my Sen daughter at all from school after i told them. Not even a follow up email how she was coping nothing! That's mowden junior school. We did get orthotics posted after i pleaded over the phone for them to post them to us instead of having to go an hour away to pick them up. I tried talking changes for myself and as it hadn't saved on the system they kicked me off. No phone number and no one to explain it all to. Terrible system.	8/3/2020 12:29 PM
19	Over loading children with school work with no differentiation for her autism. Hardly any support from the unit was not good at all	8/3/2020 10:31 AM
20	There was very little support from the services.	8/3/2020 10:19 AM
21	At times we felt very confused about what was the best action to take with our child however also appreciate that it is near impossible to cater for every individual need. However overall I feel the support offered has been great.	8/3/2020 9:45 AM
22	My child's school have emailed and phoned monthly to check in, we have not accessed any further support. School send homework via email but my child has not engaged with this. Further support from the school would have been beneficial	8/3/2020 8:44 AM
23	Largely forgotten about.	8/3/2020 8:31 AM
24	I felt my childs school did a fantastic job in supporting my child whilst he was attending school as a key worker child. His immediate family who are usually his childcare whilst im at work were all shielding. So, although it was a difficult time, i felt that through the fantastic support of the school, my child has flourished.	8/3/2020 8:27 AM
25	We felt very supported by our team in regards to my child's health needs however gained no extra support from school other than the basic work sent to every child during lockdown	8/3/2020 3:20 AM
26	Emails to child from TA's Offer of part time transition back to school but with no negotiation beforehand or specific instructions. Unsure of plan on returning to school.	7/31/2020 12:15 PM
27	We have had problems with our neighbours since they moved in a year ago. Complaint was made to family services and environmental health last November, telling them how it was affecting my children's mental health and well being. I kept sending reports in every few months with evidence, they eventually took notice after I put a complaint in, only to be told that it would have to be restarted from the time they responded to my complaint, which is July. Even though they were told that the result in anxiety and depression to my daughter from the noise and disruption from next door could result in my daughter self harming again, and my son's A level lessons getting disrupted are making his meltdowns more often than normal.	7/31/2020 11:48 AM
28	We haven't felt supported at all via services	7/30/2020 3:21 PM

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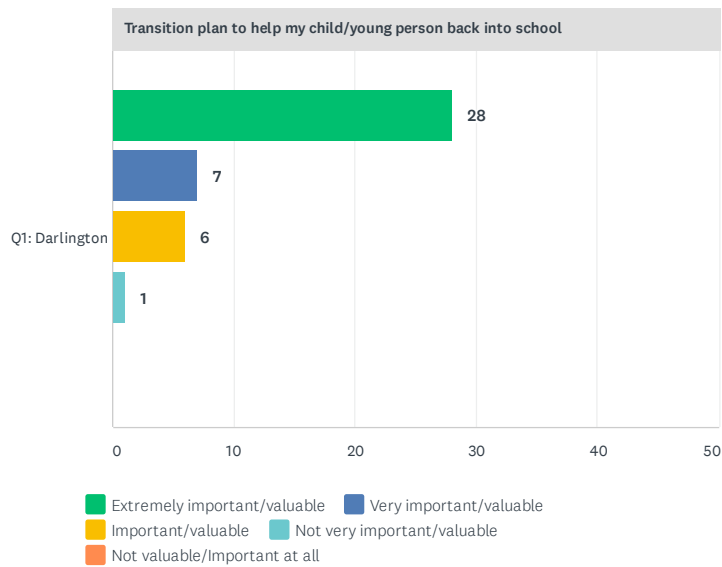
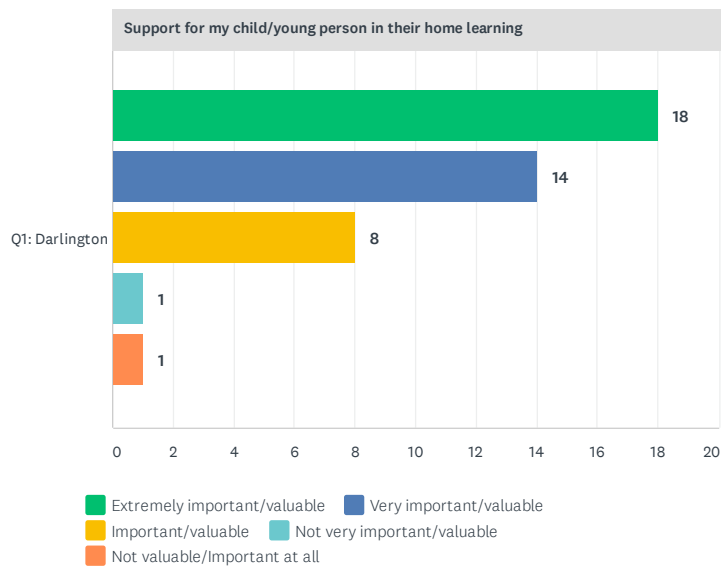
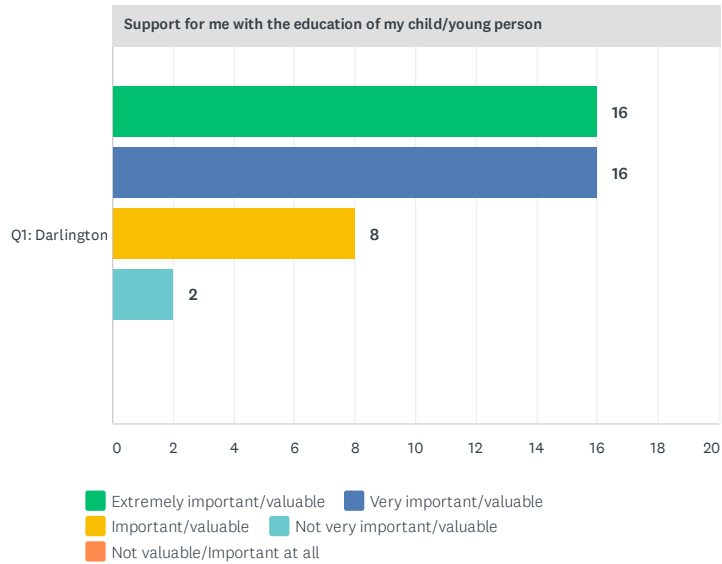
29	Working as a very busy key worker whilst caring for a complex household of needs just to have some zoom lessons would have helped. In desperation I asked to have the youngest children to go to school late June as they are already 2 years delayed and awaiting EHCP assessment but I was declined.	7/30/2020 9:15 AM
30	Support from school was good, we do not have a social worker so apart from local parent carer forum no other contact. Found parent carer forum support excellent on several occasions for getting questions answered or getting sign posted .	7/29/2020 6:04 PM
31	N/a	7/29/2020 3:27 PM
32	More support from school needed	7/29/2020 1:49 PM
33	No further comments	7/29/2020 1:22 PM
34	No enough support on mental health issues and how we were coping.	7/29/2020 1:22 PM
35	N/a	7/29/2020 12:52 PM
36	As my child has a Ehcp the LA could have put together a package to support needs (sensory) as some LA down south have done	7/28/2020 3:08 PM
37	I'd feel if my child had more support from school she wouldn't be as anxious for September coming, instead she's had nearly 6 months off with no contact and is expected to just get chucked back in come September. Lots of worries and sleepless nights over this.	7/28/2020 12:15 PM
38	School have been fantastic along with Young Carers. Early Help have been atrocious (feed back already given) using lockdown backlogs as a reason to discharge without doing job properly	7/26/2020 4:35 PM
39	We have not felt supported	7/26/2020 1:00 PM
40	We have not felt supported at all.	7/24/2020 11:05 PM
41	School to differentiate the generic work pack sent home and more specific online learning rather than links to bbc bite size. School to be in touch more	7/24/2020 8:37 PM
42	No other comments	7/24/2020 7:39 PM
43	Cahms worker has been very supportive.	7/24/2020 10:07 AM
44	N/a	7/24/2020 9:57 AM

Q15 Please read the following statements and provide a rating on how important/valuable they are to you and your family

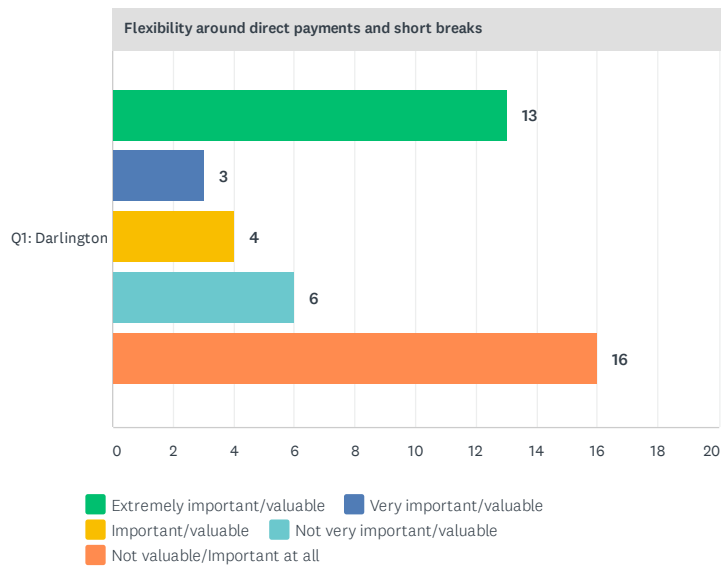
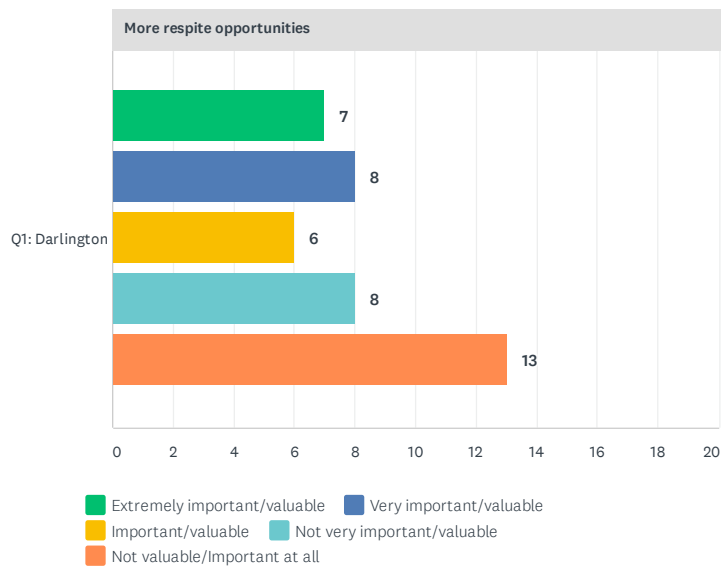
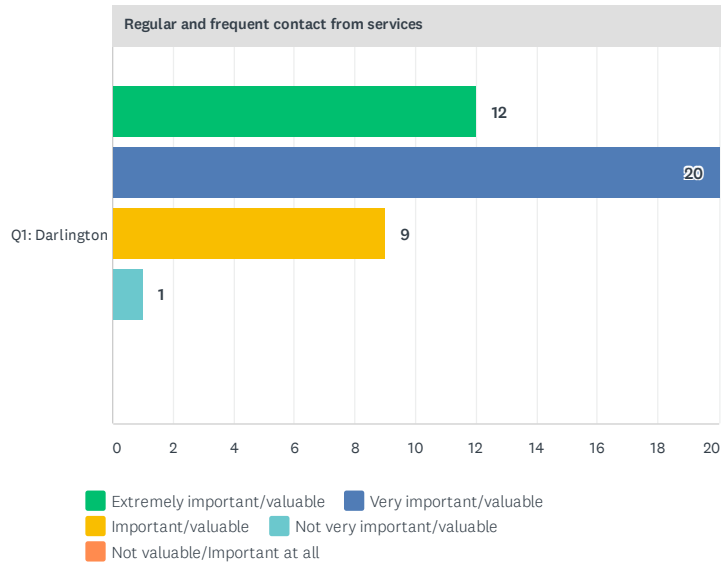
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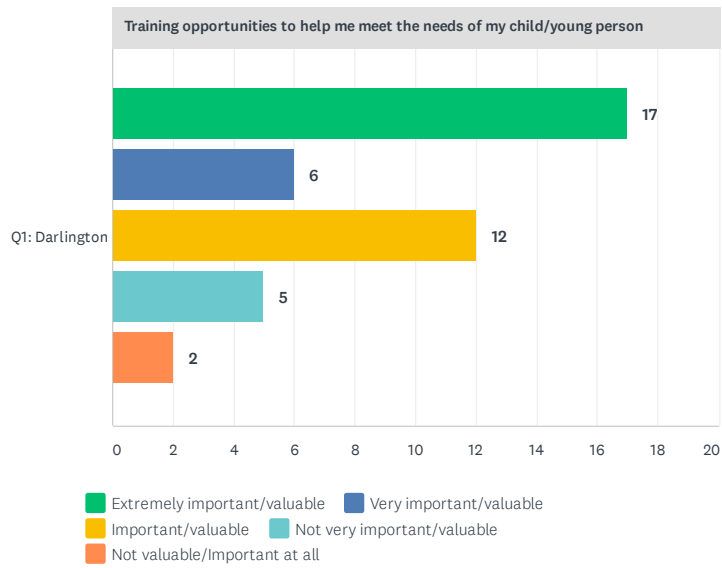
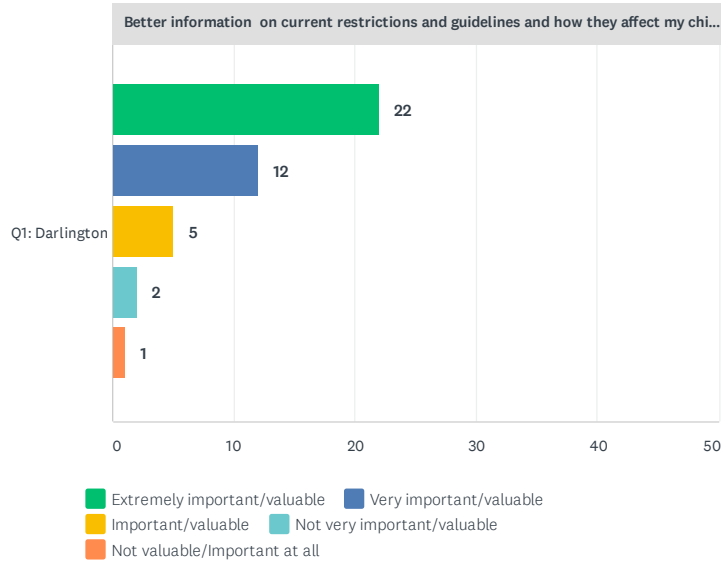
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Q16 Are there any other services or support that would be beneficial to you and your child/young person from September?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 23

	ARE THERE ANY OTHER SERVICES OR SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON FROM SEPTEMBER?	TOTAL
Q1: Darlington	100.00% 28	100.00% 28
Total Respondents	28	28

#	Q1: DARLINGTON	DATE
1	Access for support for dealing with changes for children who do not cope well with them	8/13/2020 8:05 PM
2	No help given to us as we live in Darlington and he is at college in Newcastle	8/11/2020 7:28 PM
3	Advocacy and guidance on what's available and how to access it or challenge adverse decisions	8/11/2020 6:08 PM
4	Help with transitions and more information from school to how we can help them at home and cope with all changes	8/11/2020 5:32 PM
5	Respite	8/11/2020 3:14 PM
6	Every venue is now based around COVID guidance which stops my child attending as they cannot follow these directives	8/11/2020 2:01 PM
7	Social support Transition support Individual help to get on track GCSEs Ongoing Camhs support Ot and speech and language support.	8/11/2020 12:39 PM
8	Knowing which school she will be attended and a phased return as having 22 weeks off is going to be hard for her to settle in to a busy environment again	8/11/2020 12:29 PM
9	We are continuing to do reading, and use the apps available to us as refreshers to assist the transition can to school.	8/8/2020 8:20 AM
10	Them to be allowed home	8/4/2020 9:54 AM
11	Not at present, were waiting for asd assessment first.	8/3/2020 12:32 PM
12	I have recently stopped work so thankful for Darlington carers and the parent Carer forum	8/3/2020 10:33 AM
13	Hard question to answer as not knowing what services are available and specifically to us. We have often found in that past that we are entitled to services but only find out about them through chance conversations.	8/3/2020 9:48 AM
14	I feel that my child will require increased support from school to get my child to transition back to school, he would also benefit further support from occupational health	8/3/2020 8:48 AM
15	Maths support and a diagnosis from the E.P.	8/3/2020 8:29 AM
16	No	8/3/2020 3:22 AM
17	My son has been promised help by the LA to help him access public transport in a safe and calming way for the past 3 years. We are still waiting and now are having to choose Uni's, but there aren't any close enough or that have private transport available.	7/31/2020 11:51 AM
18	They need 1-2-1 tuition	7/30/2020 9:16 AM
19	Access to a MAX card, seems a postcode lottery as to if your council offers it.	7/29/2020 6:08 PM
20	No	7/29/2020 1:50 PM
21	no	7/29/2020 1:23 PM
22	Occupational therapy	7/29/2020 12:53 PM
23	Camhs	7/28/2020 3:09 PM
24	Low level mental health intervention to help with anxiety in school	7/26/2020 4:36 PM
25	None of the services or my child's school would offer any help anyway, so I believe there is none because they all come with false hope of help, in any respect.	7/24/2020 11:07 PM
26	To obtain his ehcp as this has been put on hold due to covid and get more help	7/24/2020 8:39 PM
27	No	7/24/2020 7:42 PM
28	N/a	7/24/2020 9:58 AM

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
4 JANUARY 2021**

CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT, 2020-21

SUMMARY REPORT**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of the findings of the 2020-21 Childcare Sufficiency Review.

Summary

2. The Department for Education's *Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities, June 2018* requires local authorities to 'secure sufficient childcare, so 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'. In carrying out this requirement local authorities should 'report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare and to make this report available and accessible to parents'.
3. The childcare market in Darlington is made up of private day nurseries, pre-schools, childminders, out of school clubs, nursery schools and nursery units. Before March 2020, Darlington's childcare market was fairly stable and the parental take-up rate of the various entitlements was predictable.
4. As a result of the pandemic, the first national lockdown, and providers only being able to care for children of key workers and vulnerable children, by 24th April 2020, 52% of the private and voluntary sector providers had closed. There were 142 pre-school children in attendance. From 1st June, the number of open providers increased and the number of children accessing a place rose. It is worth noting that a higher proportion of early years providers remained open in Darlington than nationally. By 11th June, 93% of private and voluntary providers and 67% of childminders were open in Darlington. In total, 71% of settings were open in Darlington compared to 53% nationally on 11th June and 61% of settings nationally as at 2nd July.
5. By 29th September 2020, all providers temporarily closed had re-opened and 1,089 children were accessing an early years entitlements place: this figure equates to 69% of the number of children accessing a funded place in Autumn 2019.
6. During this pandemic, support has been provided to the childcare sector via: regular guidance up-dates; virtual network meetings; public health provider briefings, the delivery of PPE; weekly Q & A sessions with public health; an early years strategy group; a group for early years leads in schools; virtual inclusion

panels and individualised support around transitions.

7. Additionally, a childcare sufficiency task group was established which includes colleagues from Economic Growth, SENDIASS, DAD, Jobcentre Plus, Learning and Skills, Darlington Families' Information Service and Children's Centres. An easily accessible business health survey was also distributed to the private and voluntary sector providers.
8. Parental views regarding the childcare sector have been sought via the task group and 643 parents responded. Even during this difficult period, there continues to be general parental satisfaction with childcare in the borough and parental feedback continues to be that childcare is of a good quality. Parents have indicated that there are some potential areas of dissatisfaction: the cost and flexibility of childcare; and access to childcare for school aged children and young people with disabilities. The uncertainties created by the pandemic have made childcare demand more difficult to predict. Consequently, more targeted research is needed to establish, from spring onwards, what requirements are not being met from the market for children with disabilities and for parents requiring flexibility such as shift workers.
9. It is clear that economic conditions nationally are highly fluid. Providers are facing uncertainty with regard to childcare demand, early years entitlements and parent paid income as families' circumstances change. Indicators show that there has been sufficient capacity to meet demand throughout this period, nevertheless, unmet demand will need to be continually monitored to ensure that parents are able to access training and work in the coming months and years.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that members note for information the findings of the 2020-21 Childcare Sufficiency Review.

JAMES STROYAN
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Background Papers

The following papers were used in this report:

DfE Summer and Autumn 2020 funding guidance
2020-21 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment
2020 Childcare Parental Survey
Simple Provider Business Health Survey

Nicola Davies: Extension 6010

S17 Crime and Disorder	The report is about the 2020-21 Childcare Sufficiency Review and will not impinge on the duty on the authority to prevent crime and disorder in the Borough.
Health and Wellbeing	Good quality early education and childcare for children from birth to 14 years old, and 18 years old for those young people with a disability, will assist in improving the health and wellbeing of Darlington's 0 to 14/18 population and assists working families.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no carbon impact or climate change implications in this report.
Diversity	There are no specific proposals within the report that impact on diversity issues. All providers must meet their duties under the Equality Act 2010 when delivering education and childcare.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	All children aged 0 to 14 years/18 years for those young people with a disability will benefit from being able to access high quality education and childcare in the Borough.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is a key decision as it affects all wards in the Borough.
Urgent Decision	A delay in the information being reported to elected Council Members will delay the report becoming available to parents as required by the Department for Education's <i>Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities, June 2018</i> .
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Access to high quality, affordable and reliable education and childcare will improve the quality of life and the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the Borough and will also enable their parents to access or maintain training or work opportunities.
Efficiency	There are no specific proposals within the report that impact on efficiency.
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

The Pandemic

11. On 23rd March 2020, the government instructed the country to lockdown as a response to the pandemic. Schools and childcare settings were asked to remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. As a result of much reduced demand, by 24th April, 48% of the private and voluntary settings remained open (including 24 childminders with vacancies) and both nursery schools and nursery units were also open. Providers tried to remain open wherever possible. There were 142 pre-school children in attendance.

Support for Providers

12. Local authorities were responsible for monitoring demand and capacity and working with families to provide places in alternative settings, if necessary. Open and closed settings worked with social workers, health and other professionals, as appropriate, to keep in touch with children and families, particularly vulnerable children. During this period, the Education Partnerships team liaised with all settings, including childminders, to remind them of their safeguarding responsibilities, regardless of their current operational status. Settings shared information regarding vulnerable children, and attendance of all groups of children at this time was monitored daily. Information sharing was particularly vital for those children who were in childcare but were not attending their usual setting. Childcare staff were encouraged and supported to maintain contact with parents, in order to reduce parental feelings of isolation and anxiety.
13. From late March, various provider support systems were established. Regular virtual health briefings by Darlington's Public Health Team were set up, to explain the latest health guidance and answer provider queries. These sessions were very well attended. Following these meetings, appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was provided by Public Health free of charge to those settings who did not already have PPE. Providers and schools were sent up-dated links to DfE pandemic guidance on a daily basis. The provider networks for the private and voluntary sector and childminders continued virtually. To enable a shared understanding of the evolving local picture of available childcare places and the difficulties faced by parents and providers, the Local Authority convened a strategy group to consider issues and ways to deal with them. The group consists of group care providers, childminders and Local Authority officers.
14. The childcare sector was also able to pose questions to the DfE and the Regional Schools' Commissioner via daily meetings which took place with the Local Authority's Head of Education and Inclusion and the Head of Education Partnerships. Individualised work to support transitions has also been undertaken by the Inclusion Team which has facilitated input by a range of professionals, including headteachers and health professionals. In addition, the Early Years Inclusion Panel still took place virtually in June, awarding funding for the Autumn 2020 term to children with emerging and significant SEND.

Financial Support for Providers

15. On 19th March 2020, the government announced a package of support for businesses which included the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. This scheme was available to settings while a proportion of the early entitlements funding via local authorities continued to be paid. Also, a Self-employment Income Support Scheme, which was established for those who are self-employed and have lost income due to the pandemic, was available to childminders.
16. During the Summer 2020 term, in accordance with DfE guidance, both open and closed settings were funded at pre-pandemic levels. In addition, Darlington Borough Council funded a small number of places with childminders who had received no up-front summer payments but were unexpectedly caring for funded children from other settings which had closed.
17. On 20th July, the DfE released its early education funding guidance for the Autumn 2020 term. The DfE recognised that the number of children attending childcare may not have returned to normal levels by early January 2021. Local authorities were instructed to continue to fund providers who were open at pre-pandemic levels.

Early Years Entitlements take-up

18. From 1st June, children whose parents were not key workers or vulnerable children could return to settings. Although the number of children attending childcare steadily rose, numbers were below pre-pandemic levels by the end of the Summer 2020 term. For example, the Summer 2019 term headcount showed there were 373 funded 2-year-olds, 1088 3- and 4-year-olds accessing Universal Entitlement and 876 3- and 4- year-olds accessing the Extended Entitlement: a total of 2,337 funded children. The number of children in a funded place in early July 2020 is set out in table 1 below.

Table 1 - Summer 2020 (July) headcount

	Funded Places for 2-Year-Olds	Universal Entitlement for 3- & 4- Year-Olds	30 Hours Childcare for 3- & 4- Year-Olds	Termly Totals
Private Day Nurseries	83	109	205	397
Pre-Schools	9	29	38	76
Childminders & Out of School Clubs	7	11	26	44
Private & Voluntary Sector Totals	99	149	269	517
Nursery Schools	46	98	55	199
Nursery Units	46	498	119	663
School Totals	92	596	174	862

Childcare Market Totals	191	745	443	1,379
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19. Data was collected to assess occupancy of Local Authority funded places on 29th September 2020.

Table 2 – Autumn 2019 and Autumn 2020 (September) take-up

	Autumn 2019				Autumn 2020			
	Funded Places for 2 Year-Olds	Universal Entitlement for 3- & 4-Year-Olds	30 Hours Childcare for 3- & 4-Year-Olds	Termly Totals	Funded Places for 2-Year-Olds	Universal Entitlement for 3- & 4-Year-Olds	30 Hours Childcare for 3- & 4-Year-Olds	Termly Totals
Private Day Nurseries	232	189	324	745	123	127	208	458
Pre-Schools	27	49	66	142	18	23	50	91
Out of School Clubs	-	-	32	32	-	-	0	0
Childminders	11	4	28	43	5	7	14	26
Private & Voluntary Sector Totals	270	242	450	962	146	157	272	575
Nursery Schools	21	80	32	133	27	45	25	97
Nursery Units	30	365	97	492	59	244	114	417
School Totals	51	445	129	625	86	289	139	514
Childcare Market Totals	321	687	579	1,587	232	446	411	1,089

20. Table 2 shows that in Autumn 2019 there were 498 more children across the 2 to 4 years age range accessing a Local Authority funded place than there were in Autumn 2020. When looking at the private and voluntary sector providers, apart from in the case of children accessing the Universal Entitlement with childminders (where the additional numbers concerned are very low), there is a decrease in take up in Autumn 2020 for all entitlements across the differing types of provision. Across the private and voluntary sector, there is a loss of 387 funded children; this means that the private and voluntary sector have incurred 78% of the total loss of funded places. With regard to nursery schools and units, there has been an increase of 35 funded 2-year-olds and 10 funded 3- and 4-year-olds accessing the 30 hours Extended Entitlement. As a whole, the private and voluntary sector is at 60% take-up compared to Autumn 2019 and the school sector is at 82% take up, giving a total of 69% take up compared to Autumn 2019 across the childcare market.

21. Across Darlington, there is a mixed supply of holiday and out of school provision. As well as full day care services and childminders who offer this service, there are a small number of standalone organisations, including Darlington Association on Disability’s holiday playschemes, DASH, who cater solely for children with special educational needs and disabilities. During the first half of the Autumn 2020 term, most out of school provision reported similar take-up to the equivalent period last year. However, due to pandemic restrictions, some providers have limited their out of school numbers or are not running at all. In general, holiday numbers during the October half term have been significantly lower than usual. In some cases, numbers were as low as 50% of normal occupancy.
22. The Local Authority established a childcare sufficiency task group to meet regularly and monitor childcare demand and supply, as well as the health of the local childcare sector. In addition to officers, the group includes representation from the Darlington Families’ Information Service, SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service), Darlington Association on Disability, Jobcentre Plus, Children’s Centres, Economic Growth and Learning and Skills. The group cross references with the Early Years Strategy Group.

Provider profile

23. Table 3 - The number of settings in Darlington pre-March 2020 and November 2020

	Pre-March 2020	November 2020
Nursery schools	2	2
Nursery units	17	17
Private & Voluntary	34	31
Childminders	80	71

Table 3 shows that between March and November 2020 three nurseries in Darlington permanently closed. In each case all children were successfully accommodated in other childcare settings. Two of these nurseries were owned by providers who had more than one setting and had places available at their other sites located in Darlington.

The views of parents

24. During early September to mid October 2020, an on-line parental survey was carried out via providers, schools, Jobcentre Plus contacts, Darlington library, health visitors, Children’s Centres, Darlington Association on Disability, the Local Authority staff bulletin, the Local Authority business e-newsletter, CAMHS and various other parental social media groups. The return rate was relatively high at 643 responses. This compares with a return rate of just over 220 parents in 2019. Of the 643 responses, 68% were from two parent/ carer families who were both working; 20% were from single parent/carer families who were working; and 3% were from non-working families. 72% of respondents said they needed childcare for 5 to 11-year-olds; 25% needed childcare for 0 to 2-year olds; 20% required care for 3- to 4-year-olds; and 5% of respondents needed care for 15- to 18-year-olds.

25. 71 respondents or 11% were completing the survey on behalf of a child or a young person with a disability and 68% of special educational needs were classed as 'Speech and language / communication needs (including Autism Spectrum Disorder)'. 22 respondents with a child or young person with a disability said they had some concerns about accessing childcare from the Autumn 2020 term. These concerns included cost, location, flexibility and pandemic related issues. Many of these themes were echoed by parents who did not have a child or young person with a disability.
26. When parents were asked what they take into consideration when choosing formal childcare, 77% said they look at the location of the provider, for example, close to their work or home; and 70% of respondents said that the cost of childcare was an important factor. 58% of respondents considered the safety and security of a provider; 56% looked at the flexibility of opening and closing times; and 52% considered the quality of care and education. Comments from respondents indicate some lack of flexibility to accommodate parents who work changing shift patterns. When compared with the results from the 2019 parental survey, the results are similar. In 2019, 82% of parents were most interested in provider location; 70% considered costs/charges to be an important consideration; 67% considered the safety and security of provision; and 55% looked at the flexibility of opening and closing times.
27. Respondents were asked whether the pandemic had changed their childcare arrangements and if so, how. 32% of respondents said they would carry on accessing childcare at the same levels as before March 2020. 12% of respondents said that they had accessed childcare before the pandemic but would be accessing less childcare over the coming year; 10% said that they had accessed childcare before the pandemic and would be accessing more childcare over the coming year and 7% said they had accessed childcare before the pandemic but would not be accessing childcare over the following year. When asked to explain why childcare usage had changed since April 2020, 32% of respondents said they had experienced a change in employment circumstances (for example, a change of job, unemployment or a change in working hours); and 32% said they had had a change in family circumstances (for example, working from home or more flexible working patterns).
28. When asked what type of childcare families will be using over the following year, 42% of respondents said breakfast clubs and after school clubs; 33% said full day care; and 23% said holiday clubs. Of the funded entitlements, the 30 hours Extended Entitlement is the one which will be most utilised over the following year at 21% of respondents. 37% of respondents require childcare from 7:30am followed by 25% who need childcare from 8:00am and 36% of respondents need childcare up to 6:00pm, followed by 16% who need childcare up to 5:30pm. This mirrors the feedback in 2019 which showed that the most required times were for childcare to start at 7:30am and finish at 6pm. 64% of parents said they would need childcare during the summer holidays, closely followed by 55% at summer half term; 54% during the Easter holidays; 52% during spring half term; and 51% during autumn half term.
29. Parents/carers were asked whether they had stopped using childcare, reduced the amount of childcare they use or were unhappy with their formal childcare

provision and if any of this was the case, what was the reason. The costs or charges were cited by 24% of respondents; 11% said the lack of flexibility around opening and closing times of provision; and 11% said that parents/carers, family or friends were able to provide childcare. Parental satisfaction with the quality of provision remains high across both the 2019 and 2020 surveys.

30. Finally, when asked to anticipate whether childcare arrangements may change in the Spring 2021 term, 44% of respondents said their current arrangements would not change; 21% said they would be accessing more childcare in Spring 2021 than in Autumn 2020. Only 3% said they currently access childcare but would not be accessing childcare in Spring 2021 and 4% said they will be accessing less childcare in Spring 2021. This is of course intent and is dependent upon developments regarding the pandemic.
31. Previous employer surveys have investigated the use of family friendly employment practices and explored the extent to which childcare supply meets the needs of businesses, and have reported that the number of businesses frequently experiencing problems due to childcare issues is relatively low; however, many found childcare was an occasional problem. Anecdotal evidence from the Childcare Sufficiency Task Group is that some businesses have recognised this and have introduced working patterns that fit in with school hours to encourage more women in particular to apply for roles and to open up recruitment to those who are unable to work full-time hours due to a lack of available childcare.

Provider feedback

32. As well as experiencing a reduction in the number of early years entitlements children since March 2020, some settings have experienced a reduction in the occupancy of baby places, non-Local Authority funded places for 2-year-olds and wrap-around and holiday care for school age children, leading to a loss of parent paid income.
33. A survey of providers was undertaken in October. Providers were asked whether they expect their income from parent paid places to be lower in the Autumn 2020 term than in the Autumn 2019 term. 4 respondents said that their Autumn 2020 parent paid income was higher than their Autumn 2019 parent paid income. However, 17 respondents said that they expected their parent paid income to be lower than in Autumn 2019. These 17 respondents were then asked to estimate the size of this parent paid reduction in income in comparison to Autumn 2019 levels of funding. The size of the reduction in income ranged from 10% to 60% in the private sector and from 20% to 64% in the voluntary sector. When asked which type of places would be most affected by a loss of income, by far the most common responses were 2-year-old places; wrap-around childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds and older children, in some cases up to age 11, and holiday places.
34. All respondents stated that they estimated they would still be operating by July 2021. However, issues of market sustainability were raised.
35. Finally, providers were asked to estimate, before March 2020, what proportion of their total income was from parent paid places. In the private sector this ranged from 31% to 70% and in the voluntary sector the range was from 10% to 54%.

36. Childminders were also sent the business health survey. 7 childminders returned the survey. All of the respondents said that the pandemic had negatively affected their business, particularly in the 0 to 2 years age range and regarding wraparound care. Some of the childminders that responded were unsure whether they will still be operating by July 2021.

Additional information

37. Table 4 shows that in recent years the number of birth registrations in Darlington has declined. This may have market implications for providers.

Table 4 - The number of births registered in Darlington

Year of Birth (Sep-Aug)	Number of Births
2009/10	1,359
2010/11	1,324
2011/12	1,336
2012/13	1,284
2013/14	1,220
2014/15	1,231
2015/16	1,187
2016/17	1,107
2017/18	1,138
2018/19	1,048

Source: Office for National Statistics Birth Registrations

Outcome of Consultation

38. The LA intends to undertake further monitoring and evaluation of the market position. The LA intends to develop an action plan with the Early Years Strategy Group to establish what support is required for the remainder of the academic year.

Conclusion

39. The pandemic has impacted on the financial stability of some settings. Our consultation with parents demonstrates the need for local childcare to be affordable and flexible, to be available to meet existing or new working patterns and where required, the need for accessible, affordable, inclusive holiday childcare. The Local Authority is engaging with providers to ensure sufficiency of places over the coming months and work the sector to assist with sustainability.

How will this work in Darlington?

40. 2020 Childcare Sufficiency unmet demand data will be presented to the childcare market and to schools in Spring 2021, to enable them to develop services to 'plug any childcare gaps'.

41. The priorities for the Local Authority continue to be to:

- (a) assist childcare providers/activities to be as sustainable as possible during the pandemic;
- (b) work with settings and other interested stakeholders to continually improve the quality of care and make settings/activities more inclusive;
- (c) provide parents with up-to-date information about financial assistance towards childcare costs, including any available tax credits.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 JANUARY 2021

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2017- 2022 – PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides an update to the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee on the progress to date against the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan 2017-2022.

Summary

2. The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is one of the identified delivery plans within the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and identifies what key actions will be taken to deliver the agreed SCS priority of the best start in life for every child.

Recommendation

- (a) It is recommended that Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee members note the report.

**James Stroyan
Acting Director of Children and Adults Services**

Background Papers

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

Christine Shields: Extension 5819

S17 Crime and Disorder	N/A
Health and Well Being	Children’s social care is central to well-being
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	Children and young people
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Aligned
Efficiency	New ways of delivering support and care of the capacity to generate efficiency
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report impacts on all children and young people including looked after children or care leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

Summary

3. The CYPP 2017- 2022 was adopted by Council on 29th September 2017 and since being adopted a professionally designed version of the plan has been produced and published.
4. The Plan covers a period of five years from 2017- 2022, and this report provides an update on progress made to date on delivery of the agreed priority actions.

Delivery of the plan

5. The Plan contains the following priority actions for the next five years:
 - (a) Increase breastfeeding rates and reduce the incidence of smoking at the time of delivery.
 - (b) Reduce obesity levels.
 - (c) Improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of all children and young people.
 - (d) Reduce the number of children and young people living in poverty.
 - (e) Improve school attendance and attainment.
 - (f) Increase the number of young people in work, education or training.
 - (g) Strengthen families to reduce the need for statutory intervention.

6. Chaired by the Assistant Director for Commissioning, Performance and Transformation a multi-agency steering group (MASG) has been established to bring together key partners to ensure effective monitoring and delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan, and to encourage and strengthen links between the Plan and professional bodies. The delivery of the Plan is not just the responsibility of the Local Authority but is a partnership approach, owned by all stakeholders from a range of statutory agencies. This Group currently meets on a quarterly basis.
7. As this is a five-year plan, it was agreed by the Multi Agency Steering Group (MASG) to have a yearly focus on two of the priority actions. During 2019 – 2020, it was agreed to focus on child poverty and improving the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people.
8. The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact come of the children and young people living in Darlington, as outlined in the summary report on the link below.

<https://intranet.darlington.gov.uk/services-search/strategy-policy-and-performance/policies-and-strategies/policy-briefings/>

The MASG have considered the findings of the above report and, for 2021 – 2022, have agreed to continue to focus on child poverty and improving the mental health and emotional wellbeing, but to also focus on youth employment.

Update on Priorities

9. **Priority (c): Improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of all children and young people**

Within Darlington the Local Transformation Plan Core Group has met to refresh their plan. Several focus areas have been identified based on areas of challenge such as lack of understanding regarding pathways, in which communications can improve this, and also respond to an upcoming report regarding children and young people's mental health written by Healthwatch Darlington.

Darlington is part of the CYP Whole Pathway Commissioning which has health and local authority representatives attending. This work is being refreshed to identify what can be delivered at scale, i.e. across Durham and Tees CCG, and what needs to be delivered at place-based level. Darlington represents a challenge in this area due to its new alignment in the Tees CCG while remaining as part of Durham and Darlington CAMHS. While this is a challenge, it is not insurmountable and the local system being aware of this avoids any risk.

The online counselling and support tool 'Kooth' is currently undergoing a review by TEWV across its full geography. This review is focusing on sign-up, access and outcomes and is expected to be presented to TEWV in early 2021. At the same time CCG commissioners are developing an online counselling and support tool to support teachers, this is from an action as part of the CYP Whole Pathway Commissioning work as a result of the Anna Freud Schools Link Programme and is funded via regional money. At the time of writing this service is out for tender (VEAT) which will close on 27 November and is expected to mobilise quickly. This service is an additional resource in the Durham and Tees area, to the regional telephone psychological

wellbeing support line which is available for all staff Monday-Friday 9am-6pm on 0191 2232030.

Eleven schools continue to joint commission CAMHS wellbeing offer and through a partnership with CCG, LA and schools. Schools have an allocated Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner working into their school for a designated period of time per week. This is transformational in terms of commissioning, and it is felt by all involved that we will be able to better support CYP and measure their outcomes more successfully through this pilot. This work has had some challenges, particularly workforce, which is being addressed. This work is also starting an evaluation process to identify what outcomes have been achieved. This work also supports the Trailblazer work, or Schools based Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) which has now recruited its trainees who are employed by TEWV, and will start university later in November. While at university they have limited clinical hours as part of their training and this work will mobilise over 12months. This work is funded via a successful application to NHSEI and also includes funding for parent/carer support.

10. Priority (d): Reduce the number of children and young people living in poverty

Significant work has been undertaken over the past 12 months to address child poverty in Darlington, including:

- The council has continued to work with Darlington CAB to deliver:
 - the benefits take up campaign #DarloMillions which maximised residents' incomes by £1.5m in its first year alone
 - the community care grants scheme which includes crisis support payments to households in emergency need of essentials
- The development and implementation of a local wealth procurement framework to address the root causes of child poverty by maximising the impact of the council and other local anchor institutions spend locally, for example by increasing the number of good quality employment opportunities in Darlington
- The implementation of The Bread and Butter initiative in Darlington, which supports households to maximise their income by accessing groceries worth £35 each week for just £7.50, including fresh fruit and vegetables and ambient foods. Approximately 75 tonnes of food, equating to 175,000 meals, have been delivered since the first hub opened in March, and five community hubs have now been established across the borough with this number set to double over the coming months. Ultimately, the scheme will support up to 800 families every week, saving each household nearly £1,500 in food costs every year.
- The In2 project which supports children from Year 6 to Year 8 to engage in a variety of cultural and sports activities, which they might not otherwise be able to access, in order to maximise their potential.
- The School Uniform Exchange has now supported more than 800 households from across the borough with good quality uniform items since it was established in August in response to growing demand. The scheme has recently expanded to include winter clothing items and been awarded further council funding to ensure its sustainability.

COVID-19 has made it harder to deliver some child poverty interventions such as homework clubs and school holiday activity and food programmes due to social distancing restrictions and increased the need for support. Additional work is

therefore now underway to both understand the effects of COVID-19 on child poverty and develop new and innovative ways to tackle it:

- A comprehensive Children and Young People Poverty Needs Assessment, currently in development, to inform the council and partners' approach going forward
- Officers are working to ensure the COVID Winter Grant from government to support families with children to meet essential living costs is distributed effectively and in a way that maximises impact
- The expansion of the Department for Education Holiday Activities and Food Programme to cover all local authorities in 2021 offers a significant opportunity for the council and partners to support disadvantaged children over the school holidays.

11. Priority (f): Youth Employment

A task and finish group has been established and a scoping paper for this work can be found in **Appendix 1** of this report.

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Youth Unemployment in Darlington

Scoping paper – November 2020

Background

In addition to affecting residents' health, Covid-19 has also had dramatic social and economic impacts. One primary emerging issue is unemployment; there are currently estimated to be 12 people out of work for every vacancy in the borough and the local unemployment rate is forecast to reach 13% by the end of the year, up from 5% before the pandemic.

Young people have been particularly hard hit, with under 25s twice as likely to work in shutdown sectors – and, consequently, more likely to have been furloughed (nearly half of furloughed employees nationally are aged 16-24), had their hours cut and/or been made redundant. According to the Resolution Foundation, one-third of 18-24-year-old employees (excluding students) have lost jobs or been furloughed, compared to one-in-six prime-age adults.

Locally, claimant count data shows that whilst the overall rate for Darlington in October was 7.1%, the figure for 18-24-year olds was 12.5% (920) and for 18-21-year olds was 13.8% (545) – both significantly higher than the regional and national averages.

It is anticipated that the number of young people out of work will increase further following the end of the furlough scheme, likely in excess of 20%, and that they will find it harder to find employment due to their comparatively low levels of experience. This is particularly concerning given the impacts of unemployment on young people tend to be more severe than for older age groups, with long-term scarring effects on career prospects and pay.

Current Landscape

Pre-COVID

Prior to the pandemic, the major employment concern in Darlington was 'underemployment' where residents, and young families in particular, were in work but were struggling to get by due to relatively poor pay and/or hours. Unemployment, as elsewhere, was historically low and largely made up of short-term jobseekers moving between roles.

Post-COVID

COVID-19 has already vastly changed the youth unemployment landscape: we now have a much larger group of young people newly out of work and much fewer employment opportunities available to them. Whilst this group will vary significantly in terms of skills and experience, one certain common denominator is that the longer they remain unemployed the more difficult it will be for them to find their way back into work, particularly good quality work, as the relevance of their skills and experience diminishes and their self-confidence ebbs. Previous recessions have demonstrated repeatedly that the scarring effects, in terms of both employment opportunities and pay, are much deeper and longer for young people.

Whilst overall the volume of jobs in Darlington will have contracted significantly, particularly in sectors most traditionally filled by younger people, this does not mean there are no vacancies or opportunities. For example:

- some businesses, including telecommunications companies and those providing online services, are expanding and creating jobs
- emerging new industries, such as those relating to the Government's climate action plan
- existing Darlington employers will have:
 - ageing skilled workforces who will need to be replaced over the medium-term
 - longstanding skills needs not met by the local workforce
- many emerging or potential local businesses will have skills needs not currently met by the local workforce

Current Provision

Existing local youth employment schemes such as the Youth Employment Initiative were designed in the pre-COVID context outlined above, when absolute numbers of out-of-work young people were relatively low and jobseekers were typically either temporarily unemployed and between roles or facing significant barriers to employment other than supply of opportunities.

We cannot therefore rely on existing provision to effectively address the increase in out of work 18-24-year olds resulting from the pandemic, as both the cohort and local jobs landscape have dramatically shifted.

To meaningfully tackle the challenge, a new, multifaceted approach is required which addresses **all** the key drivers of youth unemployment, including:

- Employability
- Availability of good quality opportunities
- Skills mismatch

Proposal

Aims

1. A significant improvement in employment rates for local 18-24-year olds
2. 18-24-year olds are better able to both find and remain in quality work
3. More 18-24-year olds have the skills needed by local employers to enable them to progress once they are in work

Key Elements

- Engagement with wide range of partners, including local employers, skills providers, schools, young people, JCP
- A range of supports to improve skills and address barriers, including dedicated counsellors where required providing assessment action planning
- Quality local employment and/or training opportunities, including placements with local employers tailored to local needs and developed with skills providers

Operational principles

- Rationalise funding arrangements as far as possible;
- Ensure targets associated with these funding streams are realistic and measure quality of outcomes; and
- Foster greater inter-agency co-operation, understanding of, and influence over, each other's objectives and spending decisions.

Next Steps

1. Consult with key agencies
2. Explore funding streams including TVCA and map provision
3. Develop a draft framework / model
4. Hold a symposium early in 2021, agree the model and secure the involvement of delivery agents

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 JANUARY 2021

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q2 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an update on performance against key performance indicators.

Summary

2. This report provides Quarter 2 (July – September) 2020/21 performance information in line with an indicator set agreed by Monitoring and Coordination Group on 2 July 2018, and subsequently by Scrutiny Committee Chairs.
3. It is suggested monitoring focuses on issues and exceptions, and relevant Assistant Directors will be in attendance at the meeting to respond to queries raised by the committee regarding the performance information contained within this report.
4. Where indicators are reported annually, quarterly updates will not be available.

Where are we performing well?

5. There has been a positive decrease in the number of missing episodes that young people in care have had when compared to Quarter 2 2019/20 (from 31 episodes to 18).
6. 91.6% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days of the Strategy meeting being held / section 47 being initiated, which remains higher than our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
7. 100% of children with a Child Protection (CP) plan, and 100% of Children in Care (CiC) have an allocated social worker.
8. Year to date no child has ceased to be subject to a CP plan who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years, we continue to positively perform below our targets of 5%.
9. 89.4% of children received a statutory CP within 10 working days year to date. This is in line with the target of 90% and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (78.0%).
10. 6.0% of Children in Care (CiC), as at September 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This performance is better than the internal target (10%), national (10%), statistical neighbour (9.2%) and regional averages (9%) and an improvement on the 11.9% as at September 2019.
11. 93.2% of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale year to date.

12. 7.2% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at September 2020. This is a positive performance and below target of 10%.
13. 25.0% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) and 100% were in suitable accommodation.

Where do we need to improve?

14. 77.3% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day during Quarter 2 2020/21 giving us a year to date performance of 80.6%, below the target of 90%.
15. 22.4% of re-referrals year to date, were repeated within 12 months, above the target of 18%.
16. Timeliness of assessments is 80.4% which is below the target of 90%, reasons for this are analysed and monitored by the Head of Service.
17. At the end of September 2020, the percentage of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 10.6%.
18. The number of Children in Care has increased to 302 by the end of September 2020, this continues to be closely managed. However, delays in children ceasing care have occurred during the period due to closure of courts in response to government guidance regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, which has kept the number high.
19. 81.7% of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed. Although below target of 90% it is an improvement on the 80.6% at the end of September 2019.
20. As a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 14.9% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment, have had one completed.

Recommendation

21. It is recommended that performance information provided in this report is reviewed and noted, and relevant queries raised with the appropriate Assistant Director.

James Stroyan
Acting Director of Children and Adult Services

Background papers

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

Sharon Raine Head of Performance and Transformation: Extension 6091

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report supports the Council's Crime and Disorder responsibilities
Health and Well Being	This report supports performance improvement relating to improving the health and wellbeing of residents
Sustainability	This report supports the Council's sustainability responsibilities
Diversity	This report supports the promotion of diversity
Wards Affected	This report supports performance improvement across all Wards
Groups Affected	This report supports performance improvement which benefits all groups
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	This report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) by involving Members in the scrutiny of performance relating to the delivery of key outcomes
Efficiency	Scrutiny of performance is integral to optimising outcomes.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report may have an impact on their emotional and physical health, social development, education and future employment.

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Scrutiny

Quarter 2 2020/21 Performance Summary

Referral: 77.3% of referrals have been completed within 1 working day during Q2 2020/21, with a year to date total of 80.6%. Extensive work regarding referral enquiries has been required for some cases, resulting in completion taking longer than the statutory timescale. However, the additional work has been to the benefit of the child.

Re-Referrals: 22.4% of children have been re-referred to Children's Social Care within 12 months of a previous referral, which is above our statistical neighbour (19.9), regional (21.4) averages and in line with the national average (22.6) (LAIT 2019).

Early Help: 131 Early Help Assessments have been completed during Q2 2020/21.

Missing: Of the children and young people who are reported missing from home, 87.5% have been offered a return home interview within the 72-hour timescale. Where the co-ordinator cannot engage the child or young person, discussion takes place with parents, carers, teachers or social workers to offer insight around reducing the missing episodes. Of those who went missing 28.6% were a Children in Care.

Children & Families Assessments: 189 children had a single assessment carried out during Q2 2020/21, which is a decrease on the 222 assessments completed during the same period last year. The rate of assessments was 147.4 per 10,000 of the population at the end of September 2020.

C&F Timeliness: Social workers completed 80.4% of the C&F assessments within timescale. A decrease from the same period last year (98.7%), and below the target of 90%.

Section 47 enquiries: 46 section 47 enquiries were started during Q2 2019/20 involving 88 children, 4 of which were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) at the time of the enquiry.

Child Protection Conference Timeliness: 91.6% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding transfer-in conferences, against our target of 95%. Darlington's performance is higher than the most recently available statistical neighbour (82.4%), regional (82.1%) and national averages (78.7%) (LAIT 2019).

Child Protection Plans: 103 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of September 2020. This is comparable to the 105 children who were subject to CP at the end of September 2019. Darlington currently has a rate of 45.9 per 10,000 population for children subject to a CPP which is lower than the regional average (63.1), statistical neighbour (50.4) and the national average (43.7) (LAIT 2019).

100% of CP cases were allocated to a social worker and all the CP reviews were carried out in timescale. During Q2 2020/21 there were no children ceasing CP who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 84.2% of children received a statutory Child Protection (CP) visit in Q2 2020/21 within 10 working days, this is below target of 90% but an increase on the 73.8% that was completed in this timescale in Q2 2019/20.

Children in Care: 302 children are currently in care as at September 2020, which is an increase on the number of children (278) that were in care as at September 2019. During Q2 2020/21 a total number of 23 children came into the care of the Local Authority, which is lower than in Q2 2019/20 (32). During Q2 2020/21, 12 children ceased to be in care. This figure reflects the inability and delay to progress adoption orders being granted or care orders being discharged by the court due to the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting court closure.

Statutory visits of Children in Care: 93.2% of Child in Care (CiC) statutory visits have been completed in timescale at September 2020. This is an increase on the 86.3% CiC statutory visits completed in timescale at September 2019 and above the target of 90%.

CiC Placements: 6.0% of Children in Care (CiC), as at September 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is performing better than the internal target (10%), national (10%), statistical neighbour (9.2%) and regional averages (9%) and below the 11.9% as at September 2019. 70.3% of our Children in Care aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years) have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years. This is a slightly lower percentage compared with September 2019 at 70.9%. 7.2% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at September 2020, which is a positive reduction when compared to September 2019 (9.8%) and below internal target (10%). This relates to 21 young people who have been placed in residential care due to their disability / placed with family / or placed for adoption, and this provision was not available within 20 miles.

Dental and Health Review: 81.7% of children due a review health assessment by September 2020 have had one completed. This percentage has increased slightly compared with 80.6% completed reviews at the end of September 2019.

As a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 14.9% of children in care that were due a dental check assessment has had one completed. The percentage of children who have refused their medical checks has continued to decrease, with only 6.1% refusing their health review and 6.9% refusing their dental review. Although they are refusing, they are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

Care Leavers: 100% of care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of Q2 2020/21.

The percentage of care leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) continues to be positively below the target set of 30% at 25.0% at the end of Q2 2020/21.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 JANUARY 2021

WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2020/21 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.
4. Members will recall that at the meeting held on 2 November 2020 it was agreed that a half-day virtual evidence gathering event will take place in January 2021 to bring together the lived experiences of children, young people and families to help Members of this Scrutiny to better understand the impact that Covid-19 has had in Darlington and what future actions may be required.
5. A Scrutiny working group meeting was held on 17 November 2020 to develop the Quad of Aims for this piece of work and in accordance with the agreed procedure (**Appendix 2**), was forwarded to the Acting Director of Children and Adult Services and the Assistant Director of Children's Services for their response attached (**Appendix 3**) for information.

Recommendations

6. 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

7. 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.
8. 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"> a) Children with the best start in life b) More businesses more jobs c) A safe and caring community d) More people caring for our environment e) More people active and involved f) Enough support for people when needed g) More people healthy and independent h) A place designed to thrive 	<p>Three Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Build strong communities b) Grow the economy c) Spend every pound wisely
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9. 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

10. Any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a quad of aims.
11. A copy of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 4** for information.

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APPENDIX 1

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Performance Management and Regulation	Q2 On the agenda of this meeting Q3 12 April 2021 Q4 Sept 2021	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
SEND - Outcomes for Parents following Covid-19	On the agenda of this meeting	Carla Scaith Darlington Parent Carer Forum				To continue to monitor SEND/ EHCPs. To receive the survey results from the Parent Carer Forum SEND Survey and to receive information relating to experiences of the Parent Carer Forum.

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
2020/21 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2020/21	On the agenda of this meeting	Tony Murphy/ Nicola Davies	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.
Children and Young People Plan 2017-22	On the agenda of this meeting	Christine Shields	Children with the best start in life			Annual Update to Members
Medium Term Financial Plan	On the agenda of this meeting	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
Learning and Skills Service Annual Report	September 2021	Paul Richardson	Enough support for people when needed			Annual Report to demonstrate challenge
Local Designated Officer Annual Report	September 2021	James Stroyan/ Amanda Hugill	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

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
IRO Annual Report	September 2021	Jane Kochanowski	Children with the best start in life		CSC201	To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Looked After Children
Children and Young People and Public Health	September 2021	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
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	Oct/Nov 2021	Ann Baxter, Independent Chair	A safe and caring community	Build strong communities		Annually monitoring
Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report 2020/21	Oct/Nov 2021	Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley	Children with the best start in life			Annual monitoring
Private Children's Homes and Planning Guidance	TBA					Following an update to the Scrutiny meeting on 11 March 2019 Members agreed to monitor the number of private children's

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
						homes in the borough.
JOINT REVIEW WITH HEALTH AND HOUSING AND ADULTS SCRUTINY:						
Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Autism Provision Review Group	Scoping Meeting held on 2 March 2020	Christine Shields	Enough support for people when needed			To review the provisions and services and contractual arrangements between this Council and our providers who provide the Autism provisions, diagnoses and support services for Darlington.
REVIEWS						
Adoptive Services	Approved by Scrutiny at their meeting held on 29 June 2020	Vicky Davidson-Boyd				To examine how the Regional Adoption Agency is serving Darlington and to examine how the

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
						Coronavirus Pandemic has affected adoption
Effects of the Pandemic on Children and Young People Review	Evidence gathering event to be held end January 2021					To examine how children and young people are coping with the current situation arising from the Covid 19 Pandemic and how this has affected them.

ARCHIVED ITEMS

Looked After Children Missing From Care	2 July 2018	Alison Poulter / Chris Bell	Enough support for people when needed			To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid episodes and examine partnership working and parent engagement
LAC Missing from Care – Reasons and Interventions	10 September 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life		CSC246	To examine the reasons why children in care go

			Enough support for people when needed			missing and the interventions in place to avoid. To invite the Police Liaison Officer to attend Scrutiny to discuss
Educational Landscape	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 Education (DFE) performance data	To examine school improvement including the decline in performance for maths and English and what action is being taking to address this.
Stability of Places for Looked After Children	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
Children Services Accessibility Strategy	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.
SEND High Needs Review:		Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life			To give Scrutiny Members the

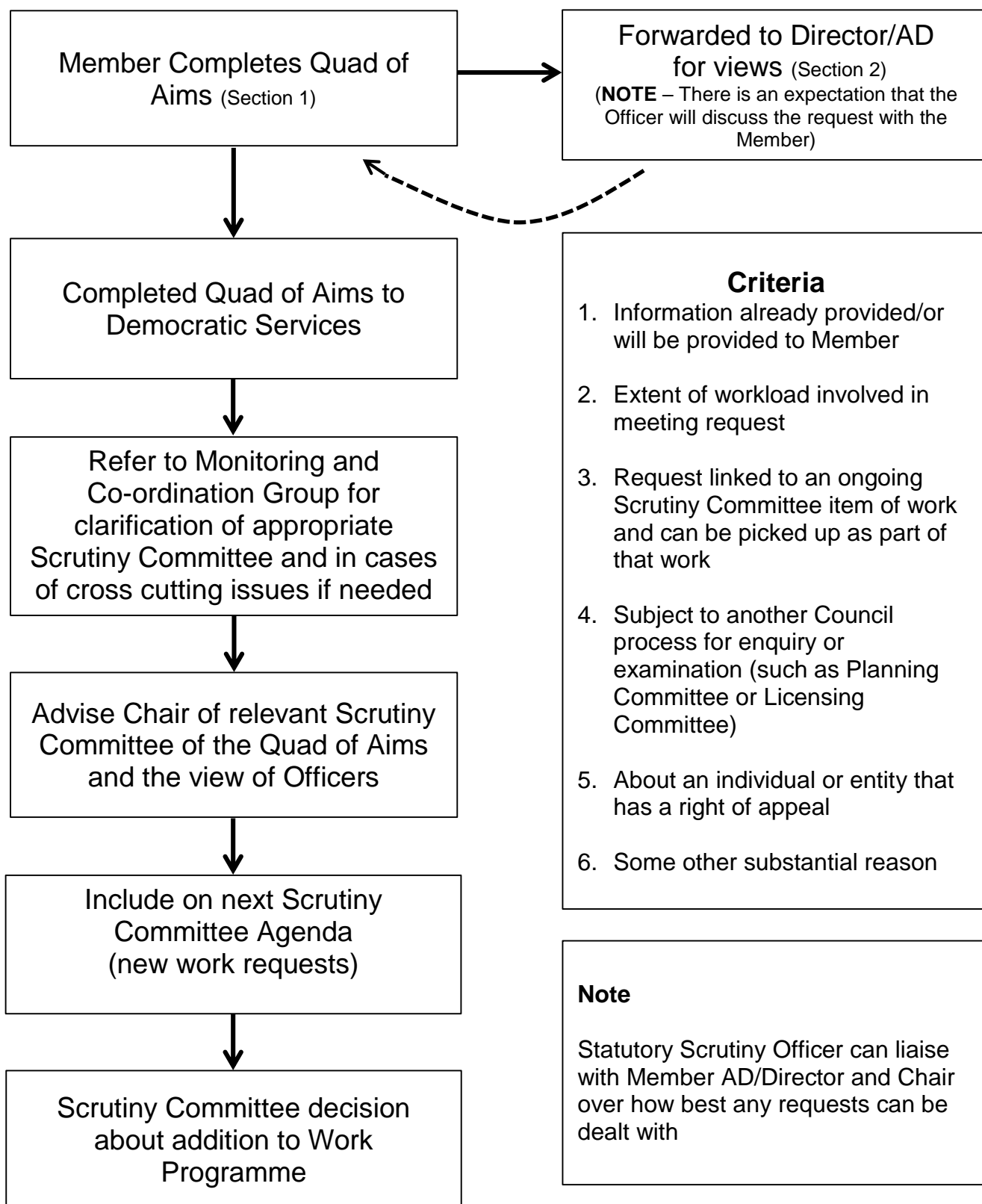
<p>Strategy and Funding</p> <p>29 October 2018 10 Dec 2018</p> <p>Home to School Transport</p> <p>29 October 2018</p>			<p>More People healthy and independent</p> <p>Enough support for people when needed</p>			<p>opportunity to consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members to carry out a T/F Review on the proposals.</p> <p>Verbal update to Members</p>
<p>SEND Strategy and Funding Consultation Review Group</p>	<p>10 December 2018</p>		<p>Children with the best start in life</p>			<p>To give a Scrutiny response to the consultation on the SEND Strategy and Funding and SEND Travel Assistance Policy</p>
<p>Childhood Obesity/ Oral Health/Mental Health Links</p>	<p>Review suspended –to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan.</p> <p>Update report on the Childhood 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>	<p>Build Strong Communities</p>		<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>
<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24</p>	<p>Special Meeting 13 January 2020</p>	<p>Elizabeth Davison</p>	<p>One Darlington Perfectly Placed</p>	<p>Spend Every Pound Wisely</p>		<p>To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan in relation to the areas within this Scrutiny's remit</p>

Council Plan 2020/23	Special Meeting on 13 January 2020	Paul Wildsmith				To consider the Council Plan
Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Update	3 February 2020	Christine Shields				Update report on the community based initiatives funded from Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies, piloted during 2019/20.
Home to School Transport	3 February 2020	Tony Murphy/ Graham Easterlow				To update Members on the current position/ changes to regulations which may impact on the MTFP
Extension of Funding to 21 for Children in Foster Care	March 2020	Jane Kochanowski	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		Annual monitoring – a duty on Local Authorities to facilitate, monitor and support staying put arrangements. Now monitored by quarterly performance reports.
Academy Trusts	2 November 2020	Presentation by Katherine Cowell, the Interim Regional Schools Commissioner for the North of England	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.
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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
<p>1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? Yes No</p> <p>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>1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member</p>
<p>(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request</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>.....</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>3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)</p>
<p>4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal</p>
<p>5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>6. Some other substantial reason</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>.....</p>	

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Signed **Position** **Date**

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

REVIEW GROUP TO EXAMINE THE EFFECT OF THE PANDEMIC ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)
<p>To examine how children and young people are coping with the current situation arising from the Covid 19 Pandemic and how this is affecting them.</p> <p>The multi-agency review to include the themes of food poverty, mental health and education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic Officer. • Relevant representatives of children and young people. • Charities, inc. Firststop, FoodBank, King's Church, Darlington MIND • Families from the Parent Carers Group • Young Carers • Children in Care and Care Leavers • Foster Carers • Businesses/Partnership Board • Schools (Primary and Secondary) • Social Workers
PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)	HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To arrange a hearing with various organisations, children and young people and their families learn what impact the pandemic is having on them. • To focus on areas of food poverty, mental health, education, jobs and training and digital inclusion. • To gather evidence from the various local groups, organisations and schools involved with children and young people. (This can be both in person and written evidence) • To identify gaps in services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gain a better understanding of how the pandemic is affecting our children and young people and to gather evidence to share with other authorities and organisations on what has worked well and is making a difference and what more needs to be done. • To share information and highlight good practice and to celebrate achievements. • Make recommendations to Cabinet to influence services and policies moving forward.

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Signed CouncillorCyndi Hughes.....

DateNovember 2020.....

SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
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	Criteria
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)	1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member
<p>We don't have any specific information relating to Darlington, but there are national reports on how children have responded to and coped with the pandemic</p>	2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request
b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?	
<p>The national reports can be forwarded if required</p>	3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work
2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?	4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)
<p>Staff will be requested to provide information/data to members and therefore the workload implications will be minor on staff time</p>	5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal
3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?	6. Some other substantial reason
<p>This piece of work would be a new request</p>	
4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway? Not at this time	
5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal? N/A	
6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme? No	

Signed

Jane Kochanowski

Position: Assistant Director

Date: 30 November 2020

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN**

**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 2 DECEMBER 2020 - 28 APRIL 2021**



Title	Decision Maker and Date
School Term Dates 2022/2023	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Mid-Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management 2020/21	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Tree & Woodland Strategy 2021-31	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Medium Term Financial Plan	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Housing Revenue Account	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Darlington Town Fund	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Town Centre Car Parking	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Schedule of Transactions	Cabinet 8 Dec 2020
Central Park – Hybrid Business Innovation Centre and Landscaping Works	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Climate Change - Update	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Annual Audit Letter	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Greater Faverdale (Burtree Garden Village) - Design Code	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Tenancy Policy 2020-2025	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Public Space Protection Orders for Dog Control in Darlington	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Maintained Schools Capital Programme - Summer 2021	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Proposed Darlington Borough Council Compulsory Purchase Order - Darlington Station Improvements & Growth Zone	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Deed of Dedication - Springfield Park, Darlington	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Skerningham – Traffic Modelling	Cabinet 12 Jan 2021
Schools Admissions 2021/22	Cabinet 9 Feb 2021
Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 3	Cabinet 9 Feb 2021
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme	Cabinet 9 Feb 2021

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Monitoring - Quarter 3	
Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2021/22	Cabinet 9 Feb 2021
Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators	Council 18 Feb 2021 Cabinet 9 Feb 2021
Medium Term Financial Plan	Council 18 Feb 2021 Cabinet 9 Feb 2021
Housing Revenue Account	Council 18 Feb 2021 Cabinet 9 Feb 2021
Climate Change - Update	Cabinet 9 Mar 2021
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Capital Projects	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Annual Procurement Plan 2021/22	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021