



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

Adults Scrutiny Committee Agenda

10.00 am, Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Introductions/Attendance at Meeting
2. Appointment of Chair for the Municipal Year 2022/2023
3. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2022/2023
4. To consider the times of meetings of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/2023 on the dates agreed in the Calendar of Meetings by Cabinet at Minute C100/Feb/2022
5. Declarations of Interest
6. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 26 April 2022 (Pages 3 - 4)
7. Work Programme 2022-2023 –
Report of the Group Director of Operations
(Pages 5 - 18)
8. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at the meeting.
9. Questions



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Monday, 13 June 2022

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Mrs Culley, Curry, Donoghue, Holroyd, Johnson, B Jones, Layton, M Nicholson, Mrs H Scott and A J Scott

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ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 26 April 2022

PRESENT – Councillors Donoghue (Chair), Curry, Holroyd, Johnson, Layton, M Nicholson, Renton and A J Scott.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs Culley and B Jones.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Joss Harbron, Assistant Director Adult Services, Christine Shields, Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation, Ann Baxter, Independent Chair, Darlington Safeguarding Partnership, and Paul Dalton, Elections Officer.

AD35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

AD36 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of this Committee held on 22 February 2022, be approved as a correct record.

AD37 COVID RESPONSE - VERBAL UPDATE

The Assistant Director – Commissioning, Performance and Transformation provided a verbal update on the ongoing response to the Covid-19 pandemic, specifically in relation to care providers.

It was reported that although pressures on the care sector were easing, it was recognised that Covid-19 was still common in society, and Care Providers were still using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and utilising visiting arrangements for relatives. Members were informed that outbreaks were being managed in conjunction with the Infection Control Team, and that the Spring Booster vaccine was in the process of being rolled out to Care Home residents.

Members were advised that one of the greatest areas of scrutiny remained workforce capacity, and that the Rapid Response Service had been extended until June 2022. Members entered into discussion on the vaccine rollout to the remainder of the Care Sector and the Spring Booster.

RESOLVED – That the content of the update be noted.

AD38 SUMMARY OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Assistant Director – Adults Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to enable Members to consider the external funding sources received by the Council for Adult Social Care Services in 2021/22.

The submitted report provided an overview of external funding sources, however excluded

core Central Government funding received through the Revenue Support Grant and additional funding secured through the 3% Council Tax precept for Adult Social Care Services.

Members were keen to establish the number of people assisted by the Better Care Fund and the Disabled Facilities Grant, determine whether the Adult Social Care Infection Control funding was spent within required deadlines, and ascertain whether there were any other funding sources available to assist with the provision of Adult Social Care.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

AD39 DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT - 2020/2021

The Group Director of People submitted a report (previously circulated) to enable Members to receive and comment upon the Annual Report of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership (DSP) for the period 2020/21.

The submitted report stated that the Local Safeguarding Partnership was required to produce an Annual Report to account for the Partnership's achievements over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area. The submitted report outlined what the Partnership had done over the period 2020/21, drawing upon a range of data and information to outline the progress made and illustrate the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding partnership arrangements.

Members welcomed the report and were heartened to see an emphasis on coercive control, suggesting that more needs to be done to highlight this form of abuse. Members also discussed the number of referrals in terms of Domestic Violence, particularly throughout the pandemic period, and suggested that there might be delays in reporting. Members were also keen to establish whether the rationale for a joint safeguarding board was being borne out in practice.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

AD40 WORK PROGRAMME

The Assistant Director Law and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that Members gave consideration to the Work Programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during 2021/22, and to any additional areas that Members would like to be included.

IT WAS AGREED – That the content of the report be noted.

**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
21 JUNE 2022**

WORK PROGRAMME 2022-2023

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2022/23 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. Once the work programme has been approved by this Scrutiny Committee, any additional areas of work which Members wish to add to the agreed work programme will require the completion of a quad of aims in accordance with the previously approved procedure (**Appendix 2**).

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.
5. Members' views are requested.

**Elizabeth Davison
Group Director of Operations**

Background Papers

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

Author: Paul Dalton

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

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

6. The format of the proposed work programme has been reviewed to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to provide a rigorous and informed challenge to the areas for discussion.
7. In addition, each topic links to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework (PMF) to provide robust and accurate data for Members to use when considering topics and the work they wish to undertake. There are some topics where appropriate PMF indicators have not yet been identified however; these can be added as the work programme for each topic is developed.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

8. Once the Work Programme has been agreed by this Scrutiny Committee, any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a Quad of Aims.
9. A copy of the index of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 3** for information.

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ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role / Notes
Work Programme 2022/2023	21 June 2022	Paul Dalton		To establish a programme of work for this Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.
Performance Indicators Quarter 4 2021/2022 End of Year Performance (including Compliments, Comments and Complaints)	23 August 2022	Sharon Raine / James Stroyan	ASC 002 ASC 003 ASC 019 ASC 045 ASC 046 ASC 049 ASC 050 ASC 208 ASC 209 ASC 211	To monitor Key Performance Indicators. To receive six-monthly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary.
Quality Standards Monitoring Outcomes 2021-2023: Agreement for the provision of Residential Care for Adults and Older People and Older People with Mental Health Problems 2013-2023	23 August 2022	Christine Shields		To look at the outcome of the assessment and undertake any further work if necessary.
Reforms to Adult Social Care – Overview	23 August 2022	Joss Harbron		To receive an overview on reforms to Adult Social Care.
Reforms to Adult Social Care – Update	25 October 2022	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	13 December 2022	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	7 February 2023	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.

<p>Performance Indicators Quarter 2 2022/2023</p>	<p>7 February 2023</p>	<p>Sharon Raine / Joss Harbron</p>	<p>ASC 002 ASC 003 ASC 019 ASC 045 ASC 046 ASC 049 ASC 050 ASC 208 ASC 209 ASC 211</p>	<p>To monitor Key Performance Indicators.</p> <p>To receive six-monthly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary.</p>
<p>Darlington Safeguarding Partnership - Annual Report</p>	<p>7 February 2023</p>	<p>Ann Baxter / Amanda Hugill</p>	<p>ASC 028 ASC 029 ASC 059 ASC 061 ASC 062 ASC 199 ASC 200 ASC 201 ASC 202 ASC 203 ASC 204 ASC 205 ASC 206 ASC 207 ASC 209 ASC 210 ASC 213 ASC 214</p>	<p>To consider the Annual Report on the work of the Board and to receive reassurance that adult safeguarding is being addressed and an effective approach is in place.</p> <p>To be advised of the key issues for the Board and funding.</p>

Task and Finish Review Group(s)

- **‘Loneliness and Connected Communities’ Task and Finish Review Group** – commenced Tuesday, 28th January 2020;
- **‘Review of Adult Care Services during Covid Task and Finish Group’** – commenced Friday, 21st May 2021.

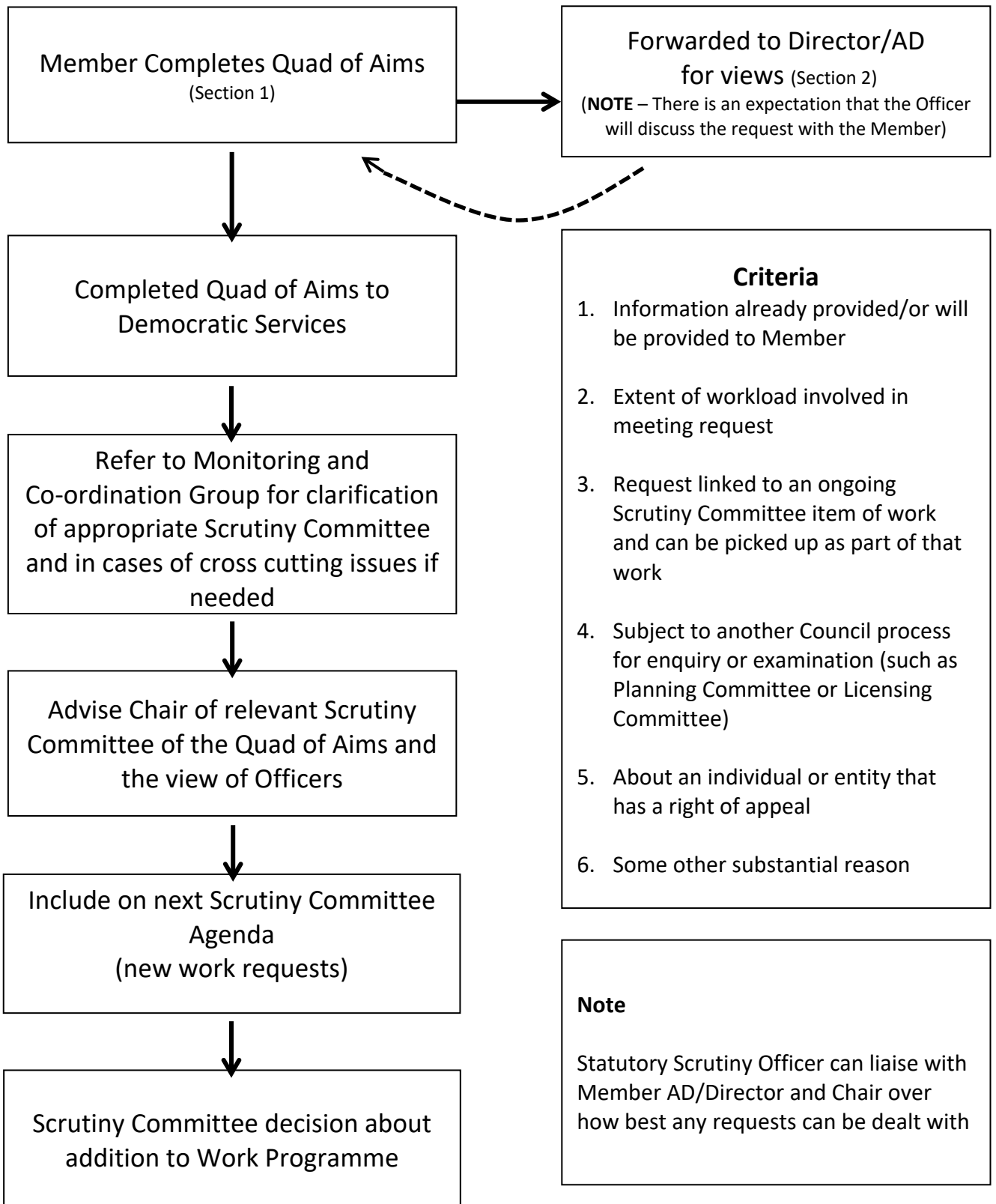
Additional Work:

Visits to Extra Care, Care and Nursing Homes (Quality Assessment – Annual Monitoring of Local Care Homes for Older People):

- North Park Care Home, I'anson Street, Darlington, DL3 0SW – TBC **(Suspended due to Covid pandemic)**
- Oak Lodge, Stockton Road, Haughton-le-Skerne, Darlington, DL1 2RY – TBC **(Suspended due to Covid pandemic)**

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PROCESS FOR ADDING AN ITEM TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME



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?

Signed Councillor

Date

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

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

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Signed **Position** **Date**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN**

APPENDIX 3



**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 1 JUNE 2022 - 31 OCTOBER 2022**

Title	Decision Maker and Date
CCTV Replacement Camera Programme	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Darlington Station Improvement Project - Proceed to Delivery	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) 2022/23	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Housing Management Policy	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Land at Blackwell - Proposed Development and Parkland	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Proposed Hump Speed Table Objection - Newton Lane	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Public Space Protection Order – Darlington Town Centre	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Representation on Other Bodies 2022/23	Cabinet 22 Jun 2022
Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Climate Change - Progress	Council 14 Jul 2022 Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Collection of Council Tax, Business Rates and Rent 2021-22	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Council Chamber Refurbishment	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Council Plan Performance Report 2021/22 – Quarters 3 and 4	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Dolphin Centre Mechanical and Electrical Replacement – Release of Capital	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Improvements to Coniscliffe Road - Encouraging Footfall in the Town Centre	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Ingenium Parc – Proposal to market and dispose of land for development	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Land at Faverdale - Burtree Garden Village Development	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Objections to Traffic Regulations on Duke Street	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring Outturn 21/22	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Revenue Budget Outturn 2020/21	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 - Quarter 1	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Schedule of Transactions - July 2022	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPD) Design Code - Burtree Garden Village	Council 14 Jul 2022 Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Xentrall Shared Services Annual Report	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
West Cemetery Drainage	Cabinet 5 Jul 2022
Annual Review of the Investment Fund	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Annual Audit Letter 2020/21	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022

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Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2021/22	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Housing Services Anti-Social Behaviour Policy	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Museum Accreditation Policies	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring 2022/23 - Quarter 1	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Restoration of Locomotion No 1 Replica	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
School Term Dates 2024/25	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
The Treatment of War Pensions in the Calculation of Housing Benefit	Cabinet 6 Sep 2022
Treasury Management Annual and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2022/23	Cabinet 11 Oct 2022