



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

Adults Scrutiny Committee Agenda

9.30 am, Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 20 June 2023 (Pages 3 - 4)
4. Care Quality Commission Regulatory Framework (as it applies to Older Persons Residential and Domiciliary Care) – Presentation from Sandra Sutton (Operations Manager, Network North, Care Quality Commission) and David Ross (Operations Manager, Network North, Care Quality Commission).
5. Autism Strategy Update – Presentation from Martin Short, Director of Place, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), and Dominic Gardner, Care Group Director MHSOP / AMH, Durham Tees Valley Care Group, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.
6. Managing a Nursing Care Home in Darlington – Presentation from Diane Encinias, Nursing Care Home Manager, Ventress Hall Care Home
7. Care Homes in Executive Strategy Measures / Arrangements – Presentation from the Head of Commissioning and Contracts

8. Work Programme 2023/24 – Report of the Assistant Director, Law and Governance (Pages 5 - 18)
9. 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
10. Questions.



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Monday, 14 August 2023

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Anderson, Crumbie, Donoghue, Layton, Mammolotti, M Nicholson, Renton, Storr, Toms and Tostevin

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ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

PRESENT – Councillors Anderson, Crumbie, Layton, Mammolotti, M Nicholson, Renton, Storr, Toms and Tostevin.

APOLOGIES – Councillor Donoghue.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Curry, Mahmud and Robinson.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Joss Harbron (Assistant Director - Adult Social Care), Paul Dalton (Elections Officer) and Michael Conway (Mayoral and Democratic Officer).

AD1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

RESOLVED - That Councillor Crumbie be appointed Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

AD2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

RESOLVED - That Councillor Anderson be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

AD3 TO CONSIDER THE TIMES OF MEETINGS OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024 ON THE DATES AGREED IN THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS BY CABINET AT MINUTE C258/FEB/23

RESOLVED – That meetings of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24, be held at 9.30 a.m. on the dates, as agreed on the calendar of meetings by Cabinet at Minute C258/Feb/2023.

AD4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

AD5 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2023

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of this Committee held on 7 February 2023, be approved as a correct record.

AD6 REFORMS TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE

The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, provided Members with an overview of the Health and Care Act 2022, and outlined the reforms that were taking place in Adult Social Care. The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, provided information in relation to the new regulatory framework and advised Members that the implementation of the charging reforms had been deferred until 2025.

Members were advised that the new inspection arrangements would commence in September 2023.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

AD7 WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024

Members gave consideration to Work Programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during 2023/24, and to any additional areas that Members would like to be included.

Members agreed to scrutinise transitional services in respect of SEND in terms of the support available for parents (with a proposal for a joint piece of work with the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee); to receive an overview of the new legislation as regard coercive control and the Domestic Abuse Policy; and to look at the services that provide life quality for elderly residents (potentially as an extension of the Loneliness and Connected Communities Task and Finish work).

Members were keen that the Autism Update was not lost from the Work Programme, with the expectation that an update be provided to the next meeting.

Members also requested an update on the Substance Misuse Service (STRIDE) following the presentation to this Committee in February 2023, and asked for an overview of the Adult Social Care budget, highlighting in year pressures.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme be updated accordingly.

**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
22 AUGUST 2023**

WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2023/24 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.

**Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance**

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
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
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. The Council Plan sets the vision and strategic direction for the Council, with its overarching focus being 'Delivering success for Darlington'.
8. In approving the Council Plan, Members have agreed to a vision for Darlington which is a place where people want to live and businesses want to locate, where the economy continues to grow, where people are happy and proud of the borough and where everyone has the opportunity to maximise their potential.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

9. 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.
10. 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 2023/24

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role / Notes
Managing a Nursing Care Home in Darlington	22 August 2023	Yvonne Hall / Clare Laybourn		Care Home Manager, Diane Encinias, from Ventress Hall Care Home, has agreed to attend.
Autism Strategy Update	22 August 2023	Integrated Care Board / Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV).		
Care Homes in Executive Strategy Measures / Arrangements	22 August 2023	Rachel Watt / Sukhdev Dosanjh		Recommendation from the 'Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group' – six monthly report to this Committee.
Presentation on the Care Quality Commission Regulatory Framework (as it applies to Older Persons Residential and Domiciliary Care) (Reforms to Adult Social Care – Update)	22 August 2023	Sarah Dronsfield (CQC)		Recommendation from the 'Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group'.
Review of Adult Care Services during Covid – Final Report	24 October 2023	Councillor Holroyd		To receive the final report of the Review of Adult Care Services during Covid Task and Finish Group.

Performance Indicators End of Year Report 2022-23	24 October 2023	Joss Harbron / Sharon Raine / Wendy Excell	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.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	24 October 2023	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Substance Misuse Service Update: Support Treatment and Recovery In Darlington through Empowering (STRIDE) (invitation to Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee)	24 October 2023	Gary Besterfield / Sarah Allen (We Are With You). Link in with Abbie Kelly, Public Health Portfolio Lead		To receive an update on the proposed actions reported to the Ordinary Meeting of this Committee in February 2023.
Adult Social Care – Budget Overview	24 October 2023	Joss Harbron		To receive an overview of the Adult Social Care budget, highlighting in year pressures.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	9 January 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Coercive Control and Domestic Abuse Policy	9 January 2024	Christine Shields / Hannah Wilson (Safeguarding Partnership lead of self-neglect Task and Finish Group)		To receive an overview to understand what actions the Council are taking in relation to the new legislation around coercive control, and to receive an overview of the Domestic Abuse Policy.

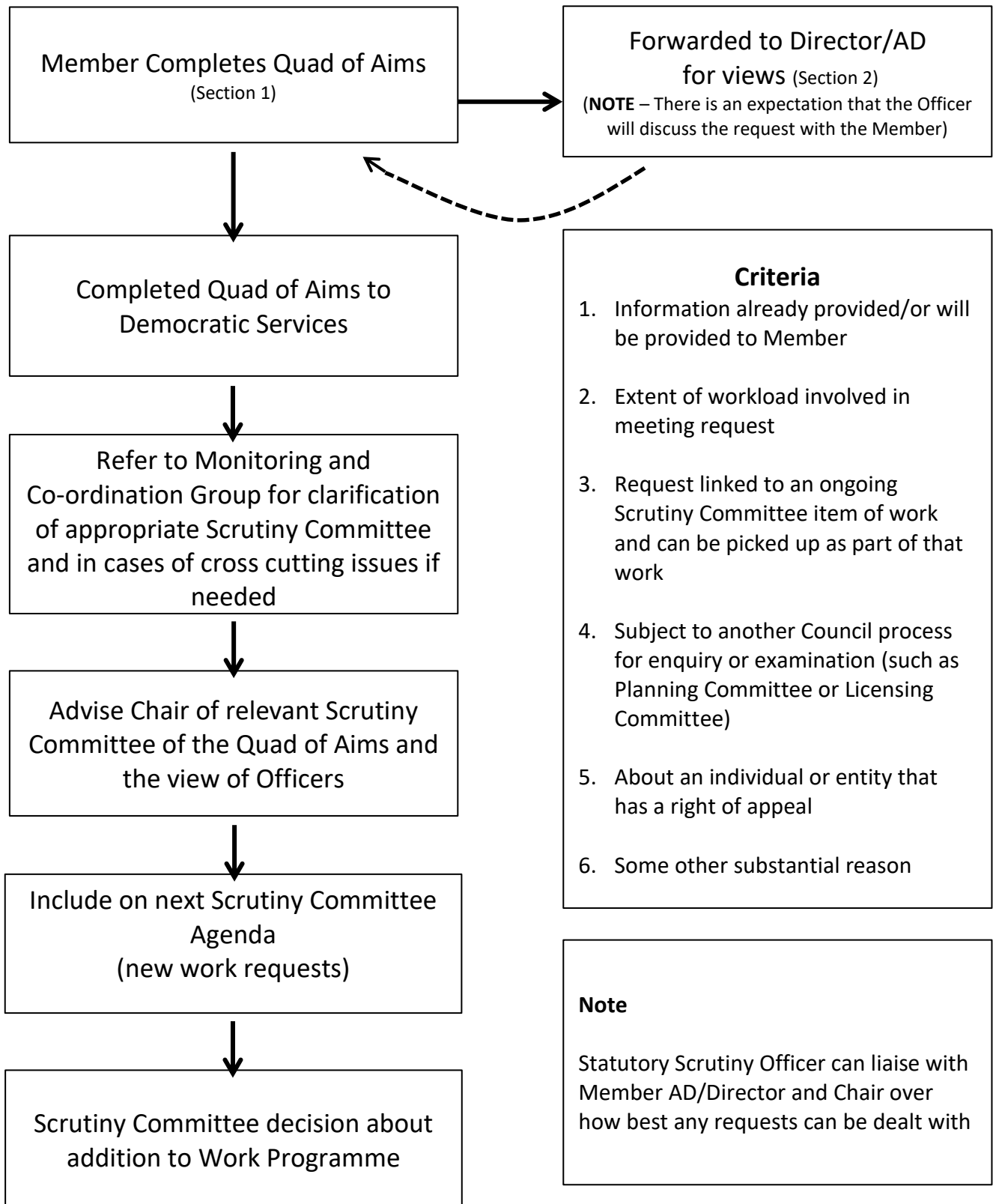
Transitional Services (SEND) – Parental Support (invitation to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)	20 February 2024	Tony Murphy / David Watson		To receive an update on the support available for parents in relation to Transitional Services (SEND).
Care Homes in Executive Strategy Measures / Arrangements	20 February 2024	Rachel Watt / Sukhdev Dosanjh		Recommendation from the ‘Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group’ – six monthly report to this Committee.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	20 February 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Performance Indicators Quarter 2 2023/2024	20 February 2024	Joss Harbron / Sharon Raine / Wendy Excell	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.

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership - Annual Report	20 February 2024	Ann Baxter / Amanda Hugill	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	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. To be advised of the key issues for the Board and funding.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	16 April 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.

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.

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



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 2 AUGUST 2023 - 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Title	Decision Maker and Date
Dolphin Centre Pool Repairs	Cabinet 11 Aug 2023
Annual Audit Letter 2020/21	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Annual Review of the Investment Fund	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Asset Management Plan	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Climate Change	Council 28 Sep 2023 Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2022/23	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Disabled Facilities Grant 2023/24	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Dolphin Centre Repairs	Council 28 Sep 2023 Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Land at Faverdale - Burtree Garden Village - Proposed Infrastructure Development Agreement	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Land at Neasham Road - Cell A	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter One 2023/24	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - Quarter One	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Schedule of Transactions	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
School Term Dates 2025/26	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Skerningham Garden Village Design Code Supplementary Planning Document	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2022/23	Council 28 Sep 2023 Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 - Fixed Penalty Notices	Cabinet 10 Oct 2023
Procurement Plan Update	Cabinet 10 Oct 2023
Special Free School at West Park, Darlington	Cabinet 10 Oct 2023
Council Tax Changes to Empty Property Premiums from 2024	Cabinet 7 Nov 2023
Council Tax Support - Scheme Approval 2024/25	Council 30 Nov 2023 Cabinet 7 Nov 2023
Housing Services Climate Change Strategy	Cabinet 7 Nov 2023

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN**

Housing Services Repairs and Maintenance Policy	Cabinet 7 Nov 2023
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter Two 2023/24	Cabinet 7 Nov 2023
Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - Quarter Two	Cabinet 7 Nov 2023
Mid-Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management 2023/24	Council 25 Jan 2024
	Cabinet 5 Dec 2023
Offset Strategy	Cabinet 5 Mar 2024