

**HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**14 APRIL 2021**

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**WORK PROGRAMME**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2020/21 Municipal Year and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved work programme.

**Summary**

2. Members are requested to consider the attached draft work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee.
3. A request has been received (**Appendix 2**) from a Member of the Adult Scrutiny Committee requesting that this Scrutiny Committee be invited to contribute to a review of Adult Care Services during COVID, led by Adult Scrutiny, enabling Scrutiny members to learn for any future waves of coronavirus and associated restrictions/lockdowns, or any other future disease outbreak response which may be required.
4. In accordance with the agreed procedure (**Appendix 3**), the request was forwarded to the Acting Assistant Director, Adult Services for a view on its merits, using the identified criteria.
5. The response of the Acting Assistant Director, Adult Services is attached (**Appendix 2**).

**Recommendations**

6. 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.
7. In accordance with the agreed procedure, taking into account the views of the Acting Assistant Director, Adult Services, this Scrutiny Committee is requested to make a decision about whether to be involved in the review of Adult Care Services during COVID, and if agreed, to nominate Members to participate in the review.

**Paul Wildsmith  
Managing Director**

## Background Papers

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

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	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

8. The format of the proposed work programme, attached at **Appendix 1** has been reviewed to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to provide a rigorous and informed challenge to the areas for discussion.
9. Each topic links to the outcomes and the conditions in the Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington Perfectly Placed:-

#### SCS Outcomes:

- 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

#### Three Conditions:

- a) Build strong communities
- b) Grow the economy
- c) Spend every pound wisely

10. 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

11. Once the Work Programme has been agreed by this Scrutiny Committee, any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a quad of aims, attached at **Appendix 3**.
12. A copy of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 4** for information.