

COUNCIL
15 JULY 2021

OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee has undertaken.

Partnership Working in Darlington

2. Following the receipt of a call-in from Cabinet on 1 June 2021 in relation to its decision in respect of Partnership Working in Darlington, we held a special meeting on 25 June 2021.
3. Members that had signed the call in documentation outlined their reasons for calling in the decision and questions and clarification were sought in relation to partnership working and how this will function with sectors other than the public sector, how and whether partnership working will function cross sector, to understand what analysis has been completed on the Sustainable Community Strategy outcomes and where DBC outcomes do not overlap, and to explore how gaps will be taken forward within DBC policy.
4. The Cabinet Member, Director, Darlington Partnership and Chief Executive responded to all of the points raised by Members.
5. After carefully considering all of the points raised, the majority view of our Committee was that it was satisfied with the decision Cabinet took on 1 June 2021.

Work Programme 2021/22

6. We have given consideration to the Work Programme for this Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/22 and to any additional areas that Members would like to be included.
7. We have agreed that All Members briefings be arranged for Water Safety, CCTV and Community Safety and it was suggested that Members receive an update on waste management and six month reviews be provided on the Public Sector Executive Group and Stronger Communities Fund. Reference was made to Eviction Notices with a suggestion for Scrutiny to review this. The Work Programme will be updated accordingly.

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Chair of Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee