

**ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**4 November 2021**

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**ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –**  
**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 next 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 next Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee.
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.
4. Members will be aware that one of the items on the work programme is to establish a Task and Finish Review Group to look at the Strengthening Families Programme and to date, I have received interest from Councillors Crudass, Harker, McEwan and Renton to participate in this review.

**Recommendation**

5. (a) Members are requested to consider and approve the attached draft work programme as the agreed work programme and consider any additional items which they might wish to include.  
  
(b) To confirm the membership of the Strengthening Families Programme Task and Finish Review Group

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**Background Papers**

There were no background papers 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	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 through to May 2023, with its overarching focus being 'Delivering Success for Darlington'.
8. In approving the Council Plan, Members have agreed to the 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.
9. The vision for the Economy Portfolio is :-

**'a borough where economic growth is high and the benefits are enjoyed by all residents'**

by delivering

- More sustainable and well paid jobs
- More businesses
- More homes

10. The vision for the Resources Portfolio is :-

**'a Council that is financially stable and delivering much needed services and support for the Borough'**

### Strengthening Families Programme

11. In relation to the Task and Finish Review Group to look at the Strengthening Families Programme, to date, I have received interest from Councillors Crudass, Harker, McEwan and Renton to participate in this review. A draft Terms of Reference for this piece of work has been drafted by Councillor Crudass and will be discussed and agreed at the first meeting.

### Forward Plan and Additional Items

12. 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. A revised process for adding an item to a previously approved work programme, has been agreed by the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group.
13. Details of the items included on the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 2** for information.