

**COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
9 DECEMBER 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 2021/22 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 work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the remainder of the 2021/22 Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee.
3. 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**).

**Recommendation**

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.

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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 Wellbeing                             | 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   |
| 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

5. 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.
6. 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'.
7. 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.
8. The visions for the Stronger Communities and Local Services portfolios are:-  
  
'to build Stronger Communities that are resilient, sustainable and safe to ensure everyone has the best opportunities to succeed' and 'a borough that is attractive, green and clean, with a wide variety of activities to be enjoyed, and a transport offer that facilitates efficient movement and reduced carbon emissions in the borough'.

### 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 Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 3** for information.