

**COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
27 OCTOBER 2022**

WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 to review the current and future levels of service provided by the Council in relation to public waste bins and any particular issues which may be affecting the service.
4. In accordance with the agreed procedure (**Appendix 3**), the request was forwarded to the Assistant Director, Community Services for a view on its merits, using the identified criteria. The response of the Assistant Director, Community Services is attached (**Appendix 2**).

Recommendation

5. It is recommended:
 - a) That Members note the current status of the Work Programme and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.
 - b) In accordance with the agreed procedure, taking into account the views of the Assistant Director, Community Services, this Scrutiny Committee is requested to make a decision about whether to establish a Task and Finish Group to review the current and future levels of service provided by the Council in relation to public waste bins and any particular issues which may be affecting the service.
 - c) That, if Members agree to (b) above, representatives be nominated to participate in the work of the Task and Finish Group.

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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 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
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

7. 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.
8. 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'.
9. 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.
10. 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 4** for information.