

SCHEDULE 3

The following pages set out the membership of the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

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7. Monitoring and Co-ordination Group

ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP	
DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL 5 Labour Group Members, 3 Conservative Group Members, 1 Green Group Member and 1 Liberal Democrat Group Member	5 x 3 x 1 x 1
OTHER MEMBERS	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP –	10
QUORUM –	3

PROTOCOLS

The Scrutiny Committee cannot include any Member of Cabinet in its membership.

The Chair/Vice-Chair of a Scrutiny Committee cannot be the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Licensing or Planning Applications Committees.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To undertake the Council's Scrutiny functions in relation to the following services

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

Financial Management within the Council, including the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP), Treasury Management, Local Taxation and Risk Management and Insurance

Transformation and Business Model Implementation

The Council's Corporate Planning Process, including the Organisational Development Strategy (ODS), Performance Management and the Efficiency Programme

Corporate Landlord

Land and Property Asset Management

Corporate Procurement

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Human Resources

Health and Safety

ECONOMY PORTFOLIO

Place Strategy, Policy and Performance

Planning and Related Policy

Economy and Housing Policy

Environment, Urban Design, Heritage and Sustainability

Climate Change

Development Management (Local Planning Authority matters)

Economic Development and Regeneration

- Employability
- Business Support
- Business Engagement
- Inward Investment
- Regeneration and Development
- Town Centre
- Environmental Health
- Building Control

Communications and One Darlington
Magazine

Building Services Division

Housing Benefits

The Council's Customer Strategy and
oversight of the Council's Customer
Services and insight functions

Legal/Registrars and Democratic
functions

The Council's Shared Services
Partnership Xentrall

The Council's capital projects and
design Services management

ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP	
DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL 5 Labour Group Members, 3 Conservative Group Members and 2 Green Group Members	5 x 3 x 2 x 0
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ADULTS PORTFOLIO

Adult Mental Health

Mental Health Services for Older People, Mental Capacity Act / Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, and Approved Mental Health Practitioners

Assessment and Reviews, Physical and Sensory Impairment, First Point of Contact, Safeguarding Adults, On-going and Complex Care and Occupational Therapy

Life Stages Service (26 years and above)

Day Services

Supported Living

Reablement

Learning Disability Services

HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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HEALTH AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO

Public Health functions

Integrated Health Commissioning

NHS

Council Housing Services, including Lifeline and Homelessness

Dolphin Centre

Eastbourne Sports Complex

Sports and Physical Activity Programme

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The voting representatives shall always be included in the membership.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To undertake the Council's Scrutiny functions in relation to the following services

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO

Education

Adult and Community Learning

Children's Safeguarding and Assessment

Looked After Children (including fostering and adoption)

Care Leavers

Life Stages (0-25)

COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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STRONGER COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Policing

Community Safety

Community Development

Community Grants

The Council's responsibilities for the Fire and Rescue Services

Street Scene Enforcement

Illegal Encampments

Private Sector Housing

Licensing of premises (except where delegated to the Licensing Committee)

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles (except where delegated to the Licensing Committee)

Trading Standards and Animal Welfare

Co-ordination of the Council's responsibilities under the Floods and Water Act

Civil Contingencies and Emergency Planning

LOCAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Street Scene Policy (refuse/recycling/street cleaning/grounds maintenance)

Crematorium and Cemeteries

Arboriculture

Countryside and Allotments

Parks, Open Spaces and Play Areas

Waste Management

Fleet Management and Maintenance

Head of Steam

Hippodrome

Events and Programming

Library Service

Strategic Arts

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Parking Enforcement

Transport Policy
Transport and Highways Asset
Management (roads, paths, rights
of way, street lighting, traffic
signals, signage)

CCTV

Transport and Highways Network
Management and Improvement
Schemes

Equalities

Road Safety

Voluntary Sector

Parking Policy

Supported Bus Services and
Concessionary Fares

Sustainable Transport

GENERAL ROLE OF THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Within its terms of reference, the Scrutiny Committee will :-

review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of Cabinet (see Call-in procedures as set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules);

make reports or recommendations to the Council or Cabinet, with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of Cabinet;

review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the Cabinet; and

make reports or recommendations to the Council, or Cabinet, with respect to the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of Cabinet on matters which affect the Authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.

Policy Development -

Within its terms of reference, the Scrutiny Committee will:-

assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;

conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;

consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participations in the development of policy options;

question Members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and

liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

Review -

The Scrutiny Committee may :-

review and scrutinise the decisions made by and the performance of the Cabinet, Committees and Council Officers, both in relation to individual decision, and over time;

review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;

question Members of the Cabinet, Committees and Chief Officers about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;

monitor and challenge performance of the agreed targets for the Community Strategy.

question and gather evidence from any other person (with their consent):

make recommendations to the Cabinet, appropriate Committees or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process; and

review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance.

In deciding what reviews are to be undertaken, Members will ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes and contributes to the strategic aims of the Council.

NOTES –

Officer Support -

Each Scrutiny Committee has a Lead Officer to support it, and, in the main, these Officers are from the relevant service delivery area.

Scrutiny Committees have access to any Officer or Member, who they feel may be able to assist in the review of any issue. They also receive support which is justifiable and is sufficient to provide both the administrative support and information required.

Role of the Chair -

The Chair will ensure that Scrutiny is Member-led and is focused on delivering outcomes.

Finance -

The Scrutiny Committees have no responsibility for the finances made available to them, the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group recommend resource allocation to the Assistant Director Resources

Annual Report -

Scrutiny Committees must report to Full Council on their workings and make recommendations to the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate. These reports should be monitored to ensure that the outcomes of each review undertaken have improved, or made suggestions to improve service delivery.