

**ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
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 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 (**Appendix 3**)

Recommendation

4. 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.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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<p>Council Plan</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>All reports should detail the relevance of the proposed decision(s) to the Council Plan and its priorities (adopted by Council in July 2024).</p> <p>The priorities are:</p> <p>ECONOMY - building a strong sustainable economy and highly skilled workforce with opportunities for all.</p> <p>HOMES – affordable and secure homes that meet the current and future needs of residents</p> <p>LIVING WELL – a healthier and better quality of life for longer, supporting those who need it most</p> <p>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – supporting the best start in life, realising potential and raising aspirations</p> <p>COMMUNITIES – working together for safer, healthier and more engaged communities</p> <p>LOCAL ENVIRONMENT – a well-connected, clean and sustainable borough</p>
<p>Addressing inequalities</p>	<p>There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address</p> <p>This is one of the 3 core principles of the council plan. Opportunities should be accessible to everyone, with a focus on ensuring a good job, home and/or social connections for all. You should identify how your work will address the causes of inequality or help to minimise inequality in the borough.</p> <p>Local authorities must comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under S.149 of the Equality Act 2010. This requires local authorities to have 'due regard' to the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act; • advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; • foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. <p>There are 9 'protected characteristics' - age, disability, sexual orientation, religion and belief, race, sex, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity. As a council we also consider people who are on a low income, carers, people who live in a rural location and</p>

	<p>care leavers.</p> <p>One of the ways that the Council can demonstrate that it has had due regard is by completing an equality impact assessment.</p>
Tackling Climate Change	<p>There are no issues which this report needs to address.</p> <p>This is one of the 3 core principles of the council plan. The Council is committed to being carbon neutral to 2040. We need to consider the carbon impact of the decisions we make. You should identify how your work will contribute to reducing climate change and the impact of climate change for the council and wider borough.</p> <p>Questions to help you consider how to assess the carbon impact of a proposal/decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the proposal/project result in an increase in carbon emissions? (For example, through increased energy use/increased vehicle movements) • Will this increase be mitigated against? (For example improved energy efficiency of buildings and the promotion of sustainable fuels/forms of transport, the development of renewable energy, or sustainable materials) • How will you minimise climate related risks? (consider the impact of current climate change and potential future changes; the risks; resulting inequalities; and any opportunities that can arise by tackling climate change)
Efficient and effective use of resources	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Health and Wellbeing	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
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.
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.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

6. 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.
7. Details of the items included on the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 2** for information.