

**AUTISM REVIEW GROUP – FINAL REPORT**

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**ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the outcome and findings of the review Group established by the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee to look at the support and advice services available in Darlington for adults with autism and to seek Members' approval to the recommendations contained within its final report.

**Summary**

2. The Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish an Autism Review Group to look at the support and advice services available in Darlington for adults with autism. The Terms of Reference were agreed at the first meeting of the Review Group and all Members of the Committee were invited to participate in the Review.
3. The Review Group has met on many occasions during the course of its review and a wide number of issues have been discussed and considered and these are included in the notes of the meetings.
4. The Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee considered the final report **(Appendix 1)** at its meeting held on 18 December 2018 and Cabinet is requested to consider and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

**Recommendation**

5. It is recommended that Cabinet consider the final report and endorse the recommendations as contained therein.

**Reasons**

6. The recommendation is supported to ensure that all partners work together to support and improve services for people living with autism.

**Councillor M Knowles  
Chair of the Review Group**

## Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report other than those referred to.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific implications for Crime and Disorder.
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Carbon Impact	There are no carbon impact implications in this report
Diversity	There are no specific diversity issues in this report.
Wards Affected	There are no specific Wards which are affected by this report.
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	This report has no impact on the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This report does not constitute a Key Decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not considered an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	To enable people to be more healthy and independent and to provide a safe and caring community.
Efficiency	The outcome of this report does not impact on the Council efficiency agenda.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers