

ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 OCTOBER 2019

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

Summary

2. The Leader intends to implement a number of changes to the Cabinet Portfolios, to take effect from December 2019.
3. Officers have been requested to review the current Terms of Reference for the Council's Scrutiny Committee's with a view to aligning them more closely with the Cabinet Portfolios.
4. A number of amendments have therefore been proposed and Members are requested to consider the terms of reference specific to this Scrutiny Committee and make any comments or suggestions thereon for subsequent consideration by full Council.
5. Full details of the changes being made to the Cabinet Portfolios are set out in **(Appendix 1)**. The changes are highlighted by 'track changes'.
6. It is suggested that a number of changes are made to realign the remit and names of the Scrutiny Committees, so that they correlate better to the changes being made to the Cabinet portfolios. This is set out in the table below:

Scrutiny Committee	Re-named Scrutiny Committee	Main Changes
Efficiency and Resources	Economy and Resources	To mirror the Economy and Resources Portfolios
Adults and Housing	Adults	To mirror the Adults Portfolio
Health and Partnerships	Health and Housing	To mirror the Health and Housing Portfolio
Children and Young People	No change	To mirror the Children and Young People Portfolio
Place	Communities and Local Services	To mirror the Stronger Communities and Local Services Portfolios

7. The proposed Terms of Reference are set out at **Appendix 2**.
8. It is intended that a report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on 5 December 2019, requesting Members to consider and approve the suggested Terms of Reference and for the necessary Constitutional changes to be made.
9. It is suggested that the revised arrangements become effective immediately following the decision made by Council on 5 December 2019.

Recommendation

10. Members are requested to consider the proposed changes to this Scrutiny Committee and make any comments or suggestions thereon.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers 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	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
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.
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

