

HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31 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 subsequence 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 |