

**COUNCIL
5 DECEMBER 2019**

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Heather Scott
Leader and all Cabinet Members**

**Responsible Director -
Paul Wildsmith, Managing Director**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider and approve a number of changes to the names and Terms of Reference for the Council's Scrutiny Committees and to enable the necessary consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution to be made.

Summary

2. Following changes to the Cabinet Portfolios (**Appendix 1**), made by the Leader (with effect from 1 December 2019), Officers were requested to review the current Terms of Reference for the Council's Scrutiny Committee's with a view to aligning them more closely with those amended Cabinet Portfolios.
3. The proposed changes to the Scrutiny Committee names and remits have been considered by each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees and no further amendments have been proposed.
4. Council is now requested to approve those changes with immediate effect and to authorise necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution to be made.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that :-
 - (a) the proposed changes to the Scrutiny Committee names and remits, as set out in **Appendix 2** to this report, be approved.
 - (b) The Assistant Director, Law and Governance be authorised to make the consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution.

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) To align the remit and names of the Scrutiny Committees so that they correlate better to the changes being made to the Cabinet Portfolios

(b) To ensure the changes are reflected in the Council's Constitution.

**Paul Wildsmith
Managing Director**

Background Papers

No background papers were 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 and Climate Change	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

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

7. Following a number of changes to the Cabinet Portfolios, which took effect from 1 December 2019, Officers were 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.
8. A summary of the main changes to the Scrutiny Committees are set out in the table below. The detailed proposed Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix 2** :-

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

9. Each individual Scrutiny Committee has considered the proposals at their meetings held during October 2019 and no comments or amendments were made to the proposals.

Terms of Reference

10. The draft Terms of Reference are attached at **Appendix 2**.

Outcome of Consultation

11. No formal consultation has been undertaken on the content of this report other than with the Council's Scrutiny Committees.