

## JOINT REVIEW GROUP TO EXAMINE AUTISM PROVISION WITHIN DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>REASON FOR REQUEST?</b>	<b>RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)</b>
<p>To review and understand the provisions and services and contractual arrangements between this Council and our providers who provide the Autism provisions, diagnoses and support services for Darlington.</p> <p>To ascertain that the best services possible are provided for the benefit of individuals on the autistic spectrum to enable them to thrive. To hold ourselves and our partner organisations accountable for the services provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from relevant partner organisations, for example (and not limited to) Durham Constabulary, DDFS, TEWV, NHS, CCG, CQC, NEAS etc.</li> <li>• Relevant Council Officers where necessary</li> <li>• Independent advisor(s) where necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)</b>	<b>HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examine organisations, partners and the services they provide.</li> <li>2. Make an evaluation of the benefits to individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their carers of the services provided and investigate their effectiveness and value to the service users.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing accountability via scrutiny of partners who provide services and provision. Ongoing scrutiny of any arrangements between partners, and partners and service users to provide assurance that they are in the best interest of the service users..</li> <li>2. Any reasonable recommendations for improvements outlined by ongoing investigation and scrutiny to be given reasonable consideration.</li> </ol>

<p>3. Discuss possible improvements to the services and provisions that may be highlighted by Scrutiny and/or service users, thereby enabling meaningful inclusion of those on the Autism Spectrum and their parents/carers within the Scrutiny process in line with best practice as defined by the current Autism Strategy.</p>	<p>3. To gain a better understanding of the needs of individuals with autism and their carers and the services provided to them by this Council.</p> <p>4. That this Council leads with and is an active proponent of good services for individuals with Autism, champions best practice within Darlington and plays an active role in keeping themselves and partners accountable.</p> <p>5. Darlington be recognised as an Autism Friendly Town.</p>
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**Signed Councillor Rachel Mills**

**(Member of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)**

**Date .....**

## SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)

	<b>No</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
<p>1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?</p> <p><b>No, however previous work has been undertaken by the Adults Scrutiny Committee.</b></p>	<b>No</b>	<p>1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member</p> <p>2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request</p> <p>3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work</p> <p>4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)</p> <p>5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal</p> <p>6. Some other substantial reason</p>
<p>2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?</p> <p><b>Head of Service, however Members would be expected to undertake research/fact finding work themselves</b></p>		
<p>3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?</p> <p><b>No</b></p>		
<p>4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?</p> <p><b>No</b></p>		
<p>5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?</p> <p><b>No</b></p>		

<p>6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme?</p> <p><b>No, this is a topic of great interest across the committees so it is work that will be welcomed.</b></p>	
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**Signed** ..... **Position** ..... **Date** .....