

**Scrutiny Sub-Committee to  
Promote Strong, Healthy and  
Safe Communities**



**1 September 2003**

**Forward Plan**

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**Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To report the sections of the Council's Forward Plan which are within the Sub-Committee's jurisdiction.

**Background**

- 2 Under the Constitution, the Executive is required to produce a Forward Plan indicating key decisions covering a four month period.
- 3 The key decisions relevant to this Sub-Committee included in the Forward Plan are set out in the attached documentation. An up-dated version of the Forward Plan will be presented to Members at the Sub-Committee meeting.
- 4 The information in the Forward Plan provides the Sub-Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these key decisions or to seek further information.
- 5 If the Sub-Committee wishes to consider any of the key decisions, this could be included in the Work Programme which needs to be considered.

**Recommendation**

- 6 You are recommended to give consideration to the Forward Plan.

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Subject	Content
Topic	Transitional Care Arrangements
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	<b>July 2003</b>
Consultation	Consultation with County Durham Care and Health Authority
Contacts	John Thornberry, Social Services Department Tel: 0191 383 4619
Background Documents	Cross Charging (Discharge from Hospital) Community Care (Delayed Discharge) Bill
Additional Comments	

Subject	Content
Topic	Best Value Review of Community Safety - Anticipate completion of Best Value Review by July 2003 including production of Improvement Plan
Lead Cabinet Member	Alan Barker
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	<b>July 2003</b>
Consultation	Ongoing during the Best Value Review process
Contacts	Richard Hughes, Community Safety Team Tel: 0191 384 4252
Background Documents	
Additional Comments	

Subject	Content
Topic	Integrated Provider Services - Learning Disabilities. County Durham Care and Priority Services NHS Trust
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	<b>July - October 2003</b>
Consultation	Learning Disability Partnership Board, County Durham Care, Priority Services NHS Trust
Contacts	Duncan Callum, Head of County Durham Care Tel: 0191 383 5103 Ian Bennett, Operations Manager, County Durham Care.
Background Documents	Review of Management Structure in County Durham Care, January 2003
Additional Comments	Detailed proposals to be developed January - March 2003. Further report to be submitted.

Subject	Content
Topic	Integrated Provider Services for Mental Health. SSD/Health Integrated Teams and County Durham Care
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	<b>July - October 2003</b>
Consultation	NHS Trust Partnership Board County Durham Care
Contacts	Duncan Callum, Head of County Durham Care Tel: 0191 383 5103 Ian Bennett, Operations Manager, County Durham Care.
Background Documents	Review of Management Structure in County Durham Care, January 2003
Additional Comments	Detailed proposals to be developed January - March 2003. Further report to be submitted.

Subject	Content
Topic	Best Value Review of Service Provision to Support and Protect Vulnerable Children - Anticipate completion of Best Value Review by September 2003 including production of Improvement Plan
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith, Neil Foster
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	<b>September 2003</b>
Consultation	Ongoing during the Best Value review process
Contacts	Debbie Jones, Social Services Tel: 0191 384 3322
Background Documents	
Additional Comments	

Subject	Content
Topic	NHS Funding for Long-term Care
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision Maker	Cabinet
Date of Decision	<b>July - October 2003</b>
Consultation	User and Carer Group
Contacts	John Thornberry, Social Services Department, Tel: 0191 383 4619 Maureen Osborne
Background Documents	Government Guidance on NHS Funding for long-term Care
Additional Comments	

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Content</b>
Topic	Meals Service - redesigning the meals service in the light of 'Fair Access to Services'
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision Maker	Cabinet
Date of Decision	<b>July 2003</b>
Consultation	District Councils, Service Users
Contacts	Barbara Rymaszewski, Social Services Department
Background Documents	
Additional Comments	

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Content</b>
Topic	Integrated Occupational Therapy Service
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision Maker	Cabinet
Date of Decision	<b>June/July 2003</b>
Consultation	Occupational Therapists in Health, Social Services Dept and Housing
Contacts	Mike Smith, Social Services Department
Background Documents	ICES (Integrated Community Equipments Services)
Additional Comments	