



## Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

**Date** Monday 23 April 2012  
**Time** 10.00 am  
**Venue** Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham

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### Business

#### Part A

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend. Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's agreement.**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012 (Pages 1 - 4)
2. Any declarations of interest
3. Any items from Co-opted members or interested parties
4. Olympics Presentation by Julie Russell, Strategic Manager for Sport and Leisure Development
5. Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011-12 - Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Pages 5 - 24)
6. Forward Plan - Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Pages 25 - 32)
7. Update on Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Development - Presentation by Overview and Scrutiny Manager
8. Information update from the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees - Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Pages 33 - 40)
9. Any other urgent business (subject to the Chairman's approval)

**Colette Longbottom**  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall  
Durham  
13 April 2012

To: **The Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**

Councillor J Armstrong (Chairman)

Councillor P Stradling (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Alderson, B Avery, A Bainbridge, R Bell, J Blakey, D Boyes, M Campbell, J Chaplow, B Graham, M Hodgson, A Hopgood, G Huntington, P Jopling, J Moran, E Murphy, D Myers, A Naylor, B Ord, C Potts, D J Southwell, D Stoker, G Tennant, R Todd and A Willis

**Faith Communities Representatives:**

Revd K Phipps and Mrs M Sands

**Parent Governor Representatives:**

Mr N Hallam

**Co-opted Members:**

Mr A J Cooke, Mr D Kinch and Mr A Kitching

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

At a Meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 12 March 2012 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Councillor J Armstrong (Chairman)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Alderson, B Avery, A Bainbridge, J Blakey, D Boyes, M Campbell, J Chaplow, B Graham, M Hodgson, N Martin (substitute for A Hopgood), P Jopling, J Moran, E Murphy, D Myers, A Naylor, B Ord, C Potts, D J Southwell, P Stradling, R Todd, and A Willis.

**Faith Community Representative:**

Revd K Phipps

**Co-opted Members:**

Mr A J Cooke, Mr D Kinch

**Also Present:**

Councillors Batson, and Holland

**Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Bell, A Hopgood, and G Huntington.

**1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 December 2011 and 10 February 2012 were considered. With the additions to the minutes as set out below they were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman:-

- 21 December 2011- to include the apologies of Mr A J Cooke
- 10 February 2012- item 2 to include the objection made by Councillor B Ord, to the introduction of pest control charge on the grounds that most people will not report rats and it could lead to a rat explosion.

## **2 Declarations of interest**

Councillor N Martin, in relation to item 8 petition 110, concerning his appeal to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Councillor D J Southwell, in relation to item 8 petition 42, as a Director of Durham Villages Regeneration Limited.

## **3 Items from Co-opted members or interested parties**

There were no items from co-opted members or interested parties.

## **4 Quarter 3 2011/12 Performance Management Report**

The Board received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that set out progress against the Council's corporate basket of performance indicators and which reported other significant performance issues for the third quarter of 2011/12. The Head of Planning and Performance gave a presentation to Members which provided further detail on some of the issues highlighted in the report (for copy of report and sides of presentation see file of Minutes).

The Head of Planning and Performance advised that the key performance challenge relating to housing benefit payments, remains at an unacceptable level, although significant improvement had been made, and that further information would be provided to the Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 16 March by the Revenue and Benefits Manager.

In response to Councillor Avery's question relating to the number of children involved in road traffic collisions, and whether this was due to an increase in the number of children having scooters, it was pointed out that this was for discussion at the next Safer and Stronger Scrutiny Committee.

The suggestion made by Councillor B Ord that more should be done to encourage the public to undertake their own composting, would be referred to the appropriate service.

Councillor C Potts, referred to the key performance challenge on the number of telephone calls unanswered within one minute, and advised of the frustration for customers when they are on hold and then sometimes cut-off. Members felt that much more needed to be done to address this, and a representative from customer services would be present at the Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on 16 March to provide further information.

At the Economy Scrutiny Committee on 29 March, information would be provided on the number and type of job vacancies that existed in the County, following the request of Councillor D J Southwell.

### **Resolved:**

That the information contained in the report regarding the Quarter 3 Performance Indicators and the actions to remedy under performance be noted.

## **5 Council Plan 2012-2016- Refresh of the Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

The Board received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that provided members with information contained within the Council Plan 2012-2016 as agreed at the Council meeting on 22 February and to agree a process to refresh the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes to reflect the 5 objectives and subsequent actions identified within the recently agreed Council Plan for 2012-2016 (for copy see file of Minutes).

### **Resolved:**

That the report together with the recommendations included therein be approved.

## **6 Forward Plan**

The Board noted a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided details of the Executive forward plan of key decisions covering the period 1 March to 30 June 2012 (for copy see file of Minutes). Members noted the additional column that had been added to the Forward Plan which detailed scrutiny activity/involvement for each decision.

Councillor Martin queried the content of the Forward Plan, as there seemed very little information provided for the months of May and June. Although the amount of information on the Plan had improved in the past, it appeared that this may have slipped and the situation would be kept under review.

## **7 Petitions**

The Committee Services Manager presented the report which updated Members on the situation regarding various petitions received by the Authority (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Naylor, in reference to petition 61, questioned the length of time that the service had been dealing with this. The Committee Services Manager explained that services do provide regular updates on the position, however she would make further enquires on this and report back to the member.

### **Resolved:**

That the updates on the status of petitions received by the authority be noted.

## **8 Information Update from the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

The Board noted a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update of overview and scrutiny activity from December 2011 to March 2012 (for copy see file of Minutes).

In order to keep members informed, the Chair reported on the next item.

## **9 Reporting at Cabinet**

The Chairman explained that when a Chair or Vice Chair of one of the Scrutiny Committees presents a report on the findings of one of the scrutiny working groups to Cabinet, agreement had been made with the Leader of the Council, that if members present had any questions on the report these would be taken and responded to at the meeting, or later if that was more appropriate.

**Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board**

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012



**Overview and Scrutiny Annual  
Report 2011-12**

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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the attached draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2011/12 for consideration, prior to it being submitted to Full Council on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**Background**

3. In accordance with the Article 6 paragraph 6.03(d), the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is required to report annually to Full Council on the work of all of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
4. The attached draft report outlines the work that has been undertaken during 2011/12.
5. In view of the current financial climate, it is intended that the report will again have a simple design and be distributed electronically to Members, Officers and Partners.

**Recommendation**

7. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considers the attached draft annual report for 2011/12 and agrees for it to be submitted to Full Council.

**Background Papers**

Agendas / Minutes / Reports and Work Programmes for the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** - none

**Staffing** - none

**Risk** – none

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** – Impact assessments are carried out for all Overview and Scrutiny reviews.

**Accommodation** – none

**Crime and Disorder** - none

**Human Rights** – none

**Consultation** – Members of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the Assistant Chief Executive's Management Team will consider and comment on the report prior to it being presented to Full Council

**Procurement** – none

**Disability Issues** – none

**Legal Implications** –. The Councils constitution requires OSMB to report annually on the work of all the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.





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# **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011-2012**

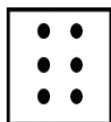
**Assistant Chief Executive's Office  
Durham County Council**

**June 2012**

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# Foreword

The next four years (2012/13 - 2015/16) will be challenging for the Council. The Council's Cabinet forecast the need to deliver £159.2m. of cash savings for the five year period 2011/12 to 2015/16 and savings of £171.8m, when including forecasts for 2016/17.

A key achievement for the authority will be to maintain and deliver improvements to services, whilst meeting the required savings targets. Overview and Scrutiny will contribute in a constructive way to support the Council in meeting these challenges.

This report provides an update of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny during the past year. 2011/12 has been another very busy year.

Overview and Scrutiny has responded to in-house and external consultations, scrutinised the Council's budget proposals, identified and considered areas of under performance and undertaken a number of in depth and light touch scrutiny reviews. The findings of these reviews have been extremely well received by our Cabinet colleagues and the following are just a few of the positive comments received:

**Councillor Alan Napier**, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Portfolio Holder Resources: Awaiting comments

**Councillor Brian Stephens**, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships, in relation to the Scrutiny Review of Area Action Partnerships *'Fit for Purpose and Fit for the Future'*, said *"I was extremely impressed with the review and it was yet another way in which we could involve communities in the strategic direction of our services. The recommendations have provided us with a practical set of steps to ensure we are fit for the future and continue to improve."*

**Councillor Neil Foster**, Cabinet member for Economic Regeneration *"The recent Renewable Energy report is an exemplar of the hard work and dedication of the members and staff of the scrutiny review group. The quality and thoroughness of all the reports continue to set a high standard. They are not afraid to tackle controversial issues such as under 18 conceptions with that same high level of resolve."*

I would like to thank all those who have given their time to support and assist the Overview and Scrutiny process, be that as a member of a Committee or Task Group or as an officer providing evidence. I would also like to recognise the constructive 'critical friend' relationship that has developed between Overview and Scrutiny and the Cabinet, which should lead to further positive outcomes.

I hope that you find this report interesting and informative. If you would like to find out more, all Scrutiny Committee meetings are open to the public and the support officers will be pleased to supply you with more information. Contact details are listed at the end of this report.

Councillor Joe Armstrong



Cllr Joe Armstrong, Chair of  
Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board

# Key Achievements 2011-12

## Overview and Scrutiny Review Activity

*The following in depth evidence based reviews have been completed and been / or will be reported to Cabinet and the appropriate thematic Partnership.*

**Review of Physical Activity** which looked at addressing the gap in life expectancy that exists across County Durham by focusing on physical activity



**Review of Physical Activity**

**Adult Substance Misuse Services 'From Treatment to Recovery'** which focused on developing recovery based services within the context of the Government's Drug Strategy and Health and Social Care Bill.



**Adult Substance Misuse Services**

**Development of Renewable Energy Technology in County Durham**, which examined the environmental, economic and social benefits to County Durham of investing in renewable energy.



**Renewable Energy Technology**

**Area Action Partnerships**, which assessed whether the Area Action Partnerships were "Fit for Purpose and Fit for the Future" by examining the difference that they had made and how they could be improved further.



**AAP Review**

**Increasing Young Peoples' Employment Opportunities** (18-24 years) which focused on an examination of how Durham County Council and its Partners can increase young people's (18-24 years) employment opportunities by further developing support for and engagement with employers in County Durham.



**18-24 Employment Opportunities**

**Under 18 Conceptions** which focused on the provision of services and accessibility to them for young people in County Durham

# Key Achievements 2011-12

## Overview and Scrutiny Activity

- Contributed to the budget process through consideration of the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- Responded to the consultation on the proposed revisions to the Council's Homes - School /College Transport policy.
- Established the Corporate Issues Members Reference Group to assist the Internal Audit Review of Data Quality on sickness absence, following consideration of performance management information.
- Participated in the Regional Health Scrutiny Project 'Regional review of the health needs of the ex-service community', which won the Centre for Public Scrutiny 'Good Scrutiny Award' for best joint working and overall impact in June 2011.
- Increased awareness of the Council's scrutiny function through articles in local newspapers, radio and television news programmes, Durham County News, national publications and internal publications including the Members' Bulletin, Buzz and an ongoing update of the scrutiny web pages. Overview and Scrutiny Committees have received more proactive media relations presentations.
- Formally responded to NHS Quality Accounts for North East Ambulance Service, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, County Durham and Darlington NHS Community Health Services and Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust.
- Carried out light touch reviews on the Decommissioning Policy of NHS County Durham and Darlington and the consultation for the proposed relocation of Hyper Acute Stroke Services to University Hospital Durham
- Successfully engaged with County Durham Court's Service following concerns from Scrutiny Members and attended the South Durham Magistrates' AGM to highlight the impact of fly tipping on the local environment and Council's resources.
- Continued to maintain and establish links with all thematic partnerships. A series of briefings and reports have been shared with thematic partnerships, for example the Early Years/ Sure Start Overview and Scrutiny Report was presented to the Children's Trust Executive Board and the review of physical activity report has been shared with the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.
- Provided evidence to the OfSTED Team on their inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children Services. The inspection assessed the effectiveness of the County Durham Children's Trust and local children's organisations to determine whether their policies and practices complied with statutory requirements and guidance. Overall OfSTED rated County Durham's Children's Services as 'outstanding'.



# Key Achievements 2011-12

## Overview and Scrutiny Site Visits

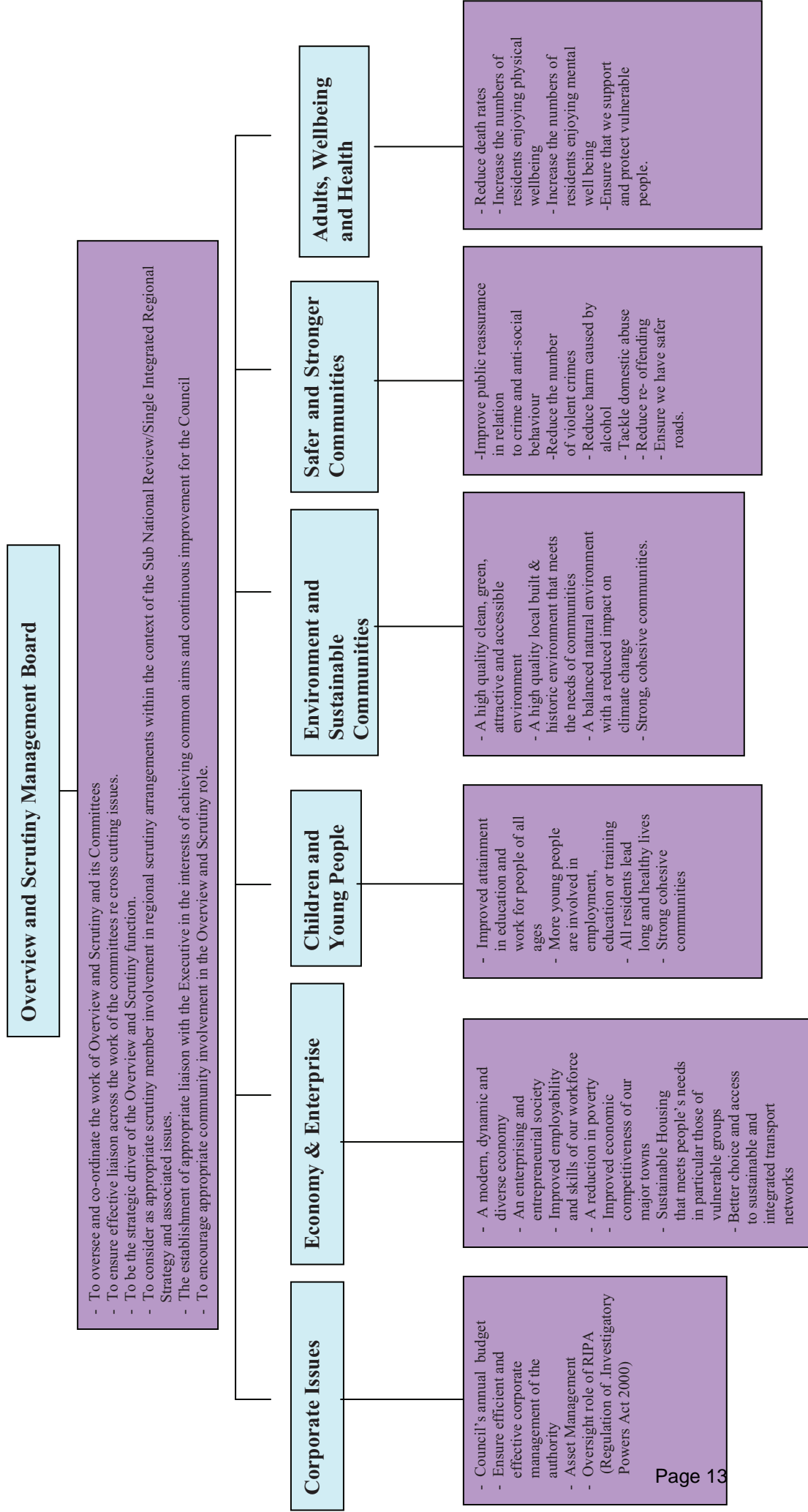
Members and/or Officers have undertaken a wide range of scrutiny visits to support the Committees' work programmes, such as visits to:

- Cleveland Potash Mine
- Drugs Recovery Wing at HMP Durham
- CCTV and Care Connect Control Room
- Specialist Hospital Wards
- Newton Aycliffe Drug Treatment Centre
- Peterlee Recovery Academy
- Durham Recovery and Wellbeing Centre
- National Centre for Renewable Energy at Blyth
- Dalkia, a biomass plant
- Construction Skills Centre
- South West Durham Training Centre
- Derwentside College
- Durham Jobcentre Plus
- Young Mothers Centre
- A 'Dragon's Den' style question and answer session on teenage sexual health services
- Comeleon House, Tanfield to look at postal systems



# Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees are aligned to the key priority themes of the Council's vision, which is to build an Altogether Better Durham that is better for local people and provides better places to live and work. Information on all elements of the Overview and Scrutiny function can be found on the scrutiny pages of the Durham County Council website, [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk). Below is the structure of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.



# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

The **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB)** provides a strategic steer for the work of all the committees. Its work programme for 2011/12 included the following:

- Review of the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), 'Fit for Purpose, Fit for the Future';
- Council's Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/2013 – 2015/2016 and revenue and capital budget proposals for 2012/2013 to make sure that the Council's resources are used effectively and efficiently;
- Council's Forward Plan to ensure that Members are aware of key decisions to be made by Cabinet;
- Updates on petitions received which enables Members to track progress on behalf of communities. Members of the Board have also considered petition appeals in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme;
- Updates on major policy developments and announcements made by Central Government and the implications for the Council and County Durham.



Cllr Joe Armstrong,  
Chair of Overview and  
Scrutiny Management  
Board



Cllr Paul Stradling,  
Vice-Chair of Overview  
and Scrutiny  
Management Board

The Board also has:

- Received information and commented on performance management every quarter before it was disseminated to respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees for further comment;
- Received work programme updates from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs so that it was able to identify cross service issues and plan accordingly;
- Received updates on the work of the County Durham Partnership.



## **Membership**

The following were members of the Board in 2011/12:

**Councillors** J Armstrong (Chair), P Stradling (Vice-Chair), B Alderson, B Avery, A Bainbridge, R Bell, J Blakey, D Boyes, M Campbell, J Chaplow, B Graham, M Hodgson, A Hopgood, G Huntington, P Jopling, J Moran, E Murphy, D Myers, A Naylor, B Ord, C Potts, D J Southwell, D Stoker, G Tennant, R. Todd and A Willis

**Faith Communities Representatives:** Revd K Phipps and Mrs M Sands

**Parent Governor Representative:** Mr N Hallam

**Co-opted Members:** Mr A J Cooke, Mrs K J M Currie, Mr D Kinch and Mr A Kitching



# Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee



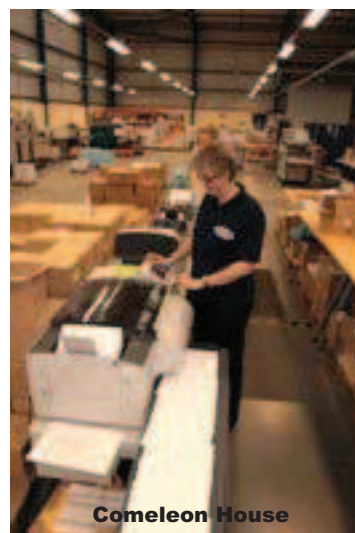
Cllr Brian Avery,  
Chair of  
Corporate Issues OSC



Cllr Eddie Murphy,  
Vice-Chair of Corporate  
Issues OSC

The **Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee**, which is aligned to **Altogether Better Council** has:

- Examined the effectiveness of the Oracle system – E-Business Suite (ordering and invoice system);
  - Worked with Internal Audit on the policy and procedures to deal with sickness absence,
  - Collaborated with the OSMB on the County Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and budget process and the Council Plan 2012-2016;
- Been updated on a number of ICT projects such as Telephony and Digital Durham;
  - Received details and commented on the Council's use of powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 and the outcome of a RIPA inspection by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners;
  - Been updated and commented on the procurement of specialist professional services;
  - Received and commented on progress against the Council's corporate basket of performance indicators for the Altogether Better Council Theme;
  - Updated and commented on the implementation of a countywide system to process benefit claims and the progress being made in dealing with claims;
  - Carried out a light touch review of the postal arrangements within Durham County Council, focusing on the new corporate arrangements, value for money and efficiency.



## Membership

The following were members of this Committee in 2011/12:

**Councillors** B Avery (Chair), E Murphy (Vice-Chair), J Armstrong, J Bell, G Bleasdale, P Brookes, A Cox, N Harrison, G Holland, S Hugill, E Huntington, J Lethbridge, P May, B Myers, L O'Donnell, S Robinson, A Shield, P Stradling, K Thompson, M Wilkes and R Young

# Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is aligned to **Altogether Healthier** priority theme and has:

- Commented on and had input into NHS County Durham and Darlington's proposals to decommission existing Anti Coagulation Services and re-commission them under 'Any Qualified Provider' arrangements;
- Carried out a light touch review on the Decommissioning Policy of NHS County Durham and Darlington;
- Carried out a light touch review on the consultation for the proposed relocation of Hyper Acute Stroke Services to University Hospital Durham;
- Received quarterly performance management and budgetary reports to monitor performance and revenue and capital expenditure;
- Engaged in a consultation by South Tees Hospitals NHS FT on proposals to change Orthodontics Services;
- Considered regular update reports regarding organisational and service changes within NHS County Durham and Darlington, including information on recent white papers and proposed legislation to ensure that any potential implications for the County Council are highlighted;
- Continued to engage with North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT regarding the Momentum project and its £40m challenge which could impact on residents of south and south east Durham;
- Monitored progress against NHS Quality Accounts for 2010/11 as well as engaging in preparatory work for the 2011/12 Quality Accounts;
- Engaged with the County Durham Local Involvement Network to ensure community views are reflected in scrutiny activity;
- Considered the refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment;
- Examined progress made against the County Durham Health and Wellbeing Partnership's Delivery Plan Report for the Health Inequalities Strategy;
- Participated in the Council's Strategic Review of Community Alarms and Telecare.



Cllr Robin Todd, Chair of Adults, Wellbeing & Health OSC



Cllr Jean Chaplow Vice-Chair of Adults, Wellbeing & Health OSC



## Membership

The following were members of this Committee in 2011/12:

**Councillors** R Todd (Chair), J Chaplow (Vice-Chair), J Armstrong, J Bailey, A Barker, R Bell, J Brown, B Brunskill, D Burn, A Cox, R Crute, K Davidson, P Gittins, M Potts, A Savory, A Shield, W Stelling, P Stradling, T Taylor, O Temple and A Wright

**Co-opted Members** - Mr V Crosby, Mrs K J M Currie, Mrs H Gibbon, Mrs R Hassoon, Mr D J Taylor Gooby and Mr P Irving

# Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Cllr Jan Blakey,  
Chair of Children &  
Young People OSC



Cllr Christine Potts  
Vice-Chair of Children &  
Young People OSC

**Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee** is aligned to **Altogether Better for Children and Young People** –

ensuring children and young people are kept safe from harm and that they can believe, achieve and succeed. This Committee has:

- Undertaken a major review on Under 18 Conceptions focusing on sex and relationship education, contraception and sexual health services and support for young parents.
- Responded to consultation on Home to School Transport.
- Provided evidence to the OfSTED Inspection team on their inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children.
- Received and commented on quarterly budgetary and performance management reports for Children and Young Peoples Services.

The Committee has also received updates and overviews on:

- Joint Disability Strategy with regard to performance information;
- Safeguarding with regard to performance information concerning the numbers of looked after children;
- Progress of recommendations from a previous review of Sure Start Early Years;
- Special Educational Needs Strategy Update.
- Educational Attainment of Looked After Children at Key Stage 2;
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment providing information on the key messages;
- Alcohol, Teenage Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infections information on the risky behaviour of teenagers;
- Launch of the One Point Service;
- Reform of school funding in relation to changes in government funding;
- Pathfinder Service evaluation of the end of the pathfinder project;
- Obesity levels in primary aged children;
- Tackling stigma in relation to a national pilot which Investing in Children took part;
- Educational Attainment of pupils with Special Educational Needs and their Peers without Special Educational Needs at Key Stage 4;
- NHS Reforms in relation to changes in legislation.



Parenting course at a Sure Start Centre

## Membership

The following were members of this Committee in 2011/12:

**Councillors** J Blakey (Chair) C Potts (Vice-Chair), J Armstrong, B Bainbridge, D Bowman, P Brookes, B Brunskill, R Crooks, K Holroyd, S Iveson, J Lethbridge, N Martin, J Maslin, E Paylor, S Robinson, J Shiell, M Simmons, P Stradling, J Wilkinson, B Wilson and S Zair

**Faith Communities Representatives** - Mr M Davison and Mr G Moran

**Parent Governor Representative** - Mr N Hallam

**Co-opted Members:** - Mr C McCaughey and Mr R Pye

# Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee** is aligned to **Altogether Wealthier** – focusing on creating a vibrant economy and putting regeneration and economic development at the heart of what we do. This Committee has:

- Undertaken an in depth scrutiny review on increasing the employment opportunities of young people aged 18-24 within County Durham through the further development of partnership working;
- Received an overview of the work of the County Durham Economic Partnership;
- Monitored and provided comments in relation to the development of the County Durham Plan;
- Provided comments to be fed into the consultation exercise for the development of the County Durham Economic Assessment, which explores issues relating to enterprise, business, skills, education, places, communities and connectivity;
- Received and commented on quarterly performance and budgetary reports;
- Monitored, challenged and provided comment in relation to the Stock Options Appraisal on how Durham County Council will finance and manage its housing stock in the future;
- Monitored and challenged the performance of our housing providers, Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes;
- Received an overview presentation and provided comment upon the Digital Durham Programme, which plans to provide next generation (superfast) broadband to County Durham;
- Commented upon the TRANSIT 15 project, a major public transport project in County Durham focusing on improving the reliability and predictability of journey times on key routes and improving the whole journey experience;
- Received an overview and provided comments on the Empty Homes Strategy, resulting in an in depth scrutiny review to be undertaken on this issue;
- Received an update on the work of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).



Cllr John Moran,  
Chair of Economy &  
Enterprise OSC



Cllr Alice Naylor  
Vice-Chair of Economy &  
Enterprise OSC



Durham City Homes

## Membership

The following were members of this Committee in 2011/12:

**Councillors** J Moran (Chair), A Naylor (Vice-Chair) J Armstrong, B Arthur, A Barker, C Carr, J Cordon, B Graham, B Harrison, J. Hunter, P Jopling, R Little, C Potts, J Rowlandson, P Stradling, Andy Turner, M Wilkes, M Williams and A Willis

**Co-opted Members** - Mr T Batson, Mrs O Brown, Mrs A Harrison, Mr A Kitching, Mr D Lavin and Mr JB Walker

# Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



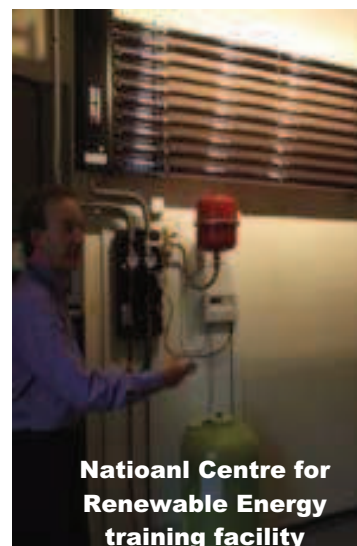
Cllr Dan Myers,  
Chair of Environment &  
Sustainable OSC



Cllr Barbara Graham,  
Vice-Chair of Environment  
& Sustainable OSC

**Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** is aligned to **Altogether Greener** – ensuring an attractive and ‘liveable’ local environment and contributing to tackling global challenges. This Committee has:

- Undertaken an in depth scrutiny review of the environmental, economic and social benefits to the County Durham of investing in renewable energy technologies;
- Received quarterly performance management and budgetary reports to monitor performance and revenue and capital expenditure;
- Regularly been updated on the implementation of the alternate weekly collection scheme countywide and the implications of the system for specific user groups, including trade waste users;
- Assessed the effectiveness of issuing Section 215 notices under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to improve the condition of land and/or property in the county;
- Considered whether the most significant flood risk areas in the County were identified in the Council’s draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment, which the Council as a Lead Flood Authority, was required to produce under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009;
- Monitored and challenged the work being undertaken by the Council and the Environment Agency to tackle the problem of fly tipping in the County;
- Questioned representatives of the Coal Authority on the results of mine water pumping trial, that had been set up to determine the environmental risks posed by the rising mine water within the Westoe and Wearmouth mining block, and the plans to implement a permanent treatment scheme by 2015;
- Received information and provided comments on the projects to be undertaken by the Limestone Landscapes Partnership and the Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership. Both partnerships have been awarded Heritage Lottery Funding;
- Received details on the benefits to health/lifestyle of adopting a Green Infrastructure Strategy and the progress being made in preparing implementation plans for the East Durham, Durham City and Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP areas;
- Considered as part of the systematic scrutiny review process, the Council’s Winter Service Plan for 2011/12. A number of members of the Committee visited Cleveland Potash Mine at Boulby, which supplies the Council with salt.



## Membership

The following were members of this Committee in 2011/12:

**Councillors** D Myers (Chair), B Graham (Vice-Chair), J Armstrong, E Bell, R Crooks, D Farry, J Gray, D Hancock, E Huntington, A Laing, P May, J Moran, J Rowlandson, W Stelling, P Stradling, Allen Turner, J Wilson, M Wood, C Woods and S Zair

**Co-opted Members** - Mr D Bell, Mr D Easton, Mr T Bolton, Mrs P Spurrell, Mr D Kinch and Mr O Graham

# Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** is aligned to **Altogether Safer** – creating a safer and more cohesive county, has focused on a number of key areas including:

- Undertaking an in-depth review of Adult Substance Misuse Services ‘From Treatment to Recovery’ that looked at Community Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services, the Government’s Drug Strategy 2010 and the development of two abstinence based recovery centres within County Durham. In addition, the Committee has also received a presentation on Alcohol Minimum Pricing;
- Monitoring progress of implementing recommendations from the Committee’s previous scrutiny reviews of ASB ‘People and Places’ and ‘Parks and Open Spaces’. The Committee has also requested a progress report on delivery of actions within the Safe Durham Partnership ASB Strategy;
- Responding to consultations on the Safe Durham Partnership Priorities for 2012/13 and County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Authority’ Integrated Risk Management Plan 2012/13. The Committee also undertook a site visit to the CCTV Control Room and commented on proposals on the removal of Public Realm Non Strategic CCTV Cameras;
- Receiving information and monitoring of the Safe Durham Partnership Reducing re-offending Strategy and County Durham Youth Offending Service’s Pre-Reprimand Disposal initiative;
- Commenting on progress reports to support vulnerable people through the Partnership’s ‘Total Home Safety’ project and development of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. The Committee also considered a report on the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Domestic Abuse Services in County Durham that builds upon previous work undertaken by the Committee;
- Considering overview presentations on Road Casualty Reduction, Consumer Protection Enforcement Activity and a progress update on Durham Constabulary Force Operating Model and Tackling Metal Theft within County Durham.
- Monitoring and commenting on quarterly performance management reports.



Cllr David Boyes,  
Chair of Safer & stronger  
Communities OSC



Cllr Michele Hodgson,  
Vice-Chair of Safer &  
Stronger Communities  
OSC



ASB Parks & Open Spaces

## Membership

The following were members of this Committee in 2011/12:

**Councillors** D Boyes (Chairman) M Hodgson (Vice-Chairman) J Armstrong, B Arthur, B Bainbridge, D Bowman, D Brown, D Burn, M Campbell, D Freeman, C Magee, E Mavin, B Myers, J Nicholson, M Potts, A Shield, P Stradling, T Taylor, J Turnbull, C Walker and A Wright

**Co-opted Members** - Mr A J Cooke, Ms M English, Mr G W Hood, Mr M Iveson and Ms E Roebuck

**Co-opted Employees/Officers** - Supt. P Beddow, Mr T Thompson, Mr E Suddes, Mr J Hewitt and Ms M Bewley

# Cross-Cutting Issues

## Fuel Poverty

A joint briefing focusing on fuel poverty was held for members of the Economy and Enterprise, Environment and Sustainable Communities and the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The response from Overview and Scrutiny was incorporated into the written submission from Durham County Council to the Hills Fuel Poverty Review.

## County Durham Plan

The Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee has held a joint meeting with Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide comments as part of the consultation process in relation to the development of the Core Strategy of the County Durham Plan.

## Library consultation

A joint meeting was held for members of the Safer and Stronger Communities and the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committees to provide comments as part of the Library Strategy consultation process.



# Joint Regional Health Scrutiny



Cllrs Armstrong, Todd & Stradling with the CfPS Awards

The 12 local authorities in the North East worked together on a Scrutiny review of the Health and Social Care needs of Ex-Service Communities.

The review was successful in winning the Centre for Public Scrutiny 'Good Scrutiny Awards' in June 2011 for best joint working and overall impact.

# Member Development and Training

Overview and Scrutiny is represented on the Member Development Group which is responsible for overseeing, reviewing and developing the learning and development opportunities available to councillors, as well as ensuring equal opportunities, effectiveness and value for money.

## Appointment of Co-optees

The recruitment of Co-optees (members of the public who are not Councillors who serve on various Overview and Scrutiny Committees) concluded at the end of March, with Co-optees taking up appointment on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 for a two year period until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The next recruitment exercise is scheduled to start in November, 2013.

## Shaping up the future

New legislation such as the Localism Act, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and the Health and Social Care Act will have an impact on the Council's accountability mechanisms, particularly for overview and scrutiny.

The Council's Overview and Scrutiny members will continue to be updated on the new provisions to ensure that the implications for the Council, Partners and communities are fully understood and that they are acted upon from a scrutiny perspective.

## Work Programmes

The current work programmes focus on the priority areas identified within the Council Plan, the Cabinet's Forward Plan of decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in Government legislation. The work programme for each Overview and Scrutiny Committee can be found on the County Council's website, [www.durham.gov.uk/scrutiny](http://www.durham.gov.uk/scrutiny).

## Overview and Scrutiny Team

The Overview and Scrutiny team is part of the Assistant Chief Executive's service group (ACE), which leads on the corporate approach to performance management and improvement, consultation and engagement, communications, partnership working, equalities and diversity and information management. ACE is also responsible for the Council's Area Action Partnerships and emergency planning functions.



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**Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board**

**23 April 2012**

**Forward Plan**



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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To report the sections of the Council's Forward Plan which are within the Management Board's overall jurisdiction.

**Background**

- 2 Under the Constitution, the Executive is required to produce a Forward Plan indicating key decisions covering a four-month period.

**Current Forward Plan**

- 3 The draft forward plan for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 July 2012 is set out in the attached documentation.
- 4 The information in the Forward Plan provides the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these key decisions, or to request further information. Members are asked to note that this version of the Forward Plan has been amended and includes a column which has been added to advise of the relevant Scrutiny activity.
- 5 If the Board wished to examine any of the key decisions, consideration would need to be given as to how this could be accommodated in the work programme.

**Recommendation**

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

**Supporting Papers**

None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance :** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Staffing:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Risk:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Accommodation:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Crime and Disorder** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Human Rights:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Consultation:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Procurement:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Disability Issues:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**Legal Implications:** Will be reflected in each individual key decision report to Cabinet.

**SECTION ONE - CORPORATE**

Ref. No.	Date of Decision (i.e. date of Cabinet meeting)	Description of Decision to be Made	Background Documents	Lead Cabinet Member	Main Consultees & Means of Consultation	When & How to Make Representations	Scrutiny Involvement
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**SECTION TWO - ADULTS, WELLBEING AND HEALTH**

Ref. No.	Date of Decision (i.e. date of Cabinet meeting)	Description of Decision to be Made	Background Documents	Lead Cabinet Member	Main Consultees & Means of Consultation	When & How to Make Representations	Scrutiny Involvement
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**SECTION THREE - REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Date of Decision (i.e. date of Cabinet meeting)</b>	<b>Description of Decision to be Made</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>	<b>Lead Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Main Consultees &amp; Means of Consultation</b>	<b>When &amp; How to Make Representations</b>	<b>Scrutiny Involvement</b>
<b>R&amp;ED/02/12</b>	20/06/12	Draft Design and Sustainability SPD		Councillor Neil Foster		Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning 0191 3727619	
<b>R&amp;ED/03/12</b>	20/06/12	Durham City Student HMOs		Councillor Neil Foster		Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning 0191 3727619	
<b>R&amp;ED/04/12</b>	18/04/12	Crook Draft Development Framework		Councillor Neil Foster		Sarah Robson, Head of Economic Development 0191 383 3444	Have received regular updates and fed into the consultation on the CDP. Further updates will be provided throughout 2012.
<b>R&amp;ED/05/12</b>	18/04/12	Seaham and Murton Development Framework	Seaham and Murton Development Framework 2012	Councillor Neil Foster		Sarah Robson, Head of Economic Development 0191 383 3444	As above
<b>R&amp;ED/06/12</b>	18/04/12	Bishop Auckland Framework	Bishop Auckland Development Framework 2012	Councillor Neil Foster		Sarah Robson, Head of Economic Development 0191 383 3444	As above
<b>R&amp;ED/08/12</b>	11/07/12	Barnard Castle Regeneration Framework		Councillor Neil Foster		Sarah Robson, Head of Economic Development 0191 383 3444	Refresh of the Regeneration Strategy included in Work Programme for 2012.

**SECTION FOUR - NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Date of Decision (i.e. date of Cabinet meeting)</b>	<b>Description of Decision to be Made</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>	<b>Lead Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Main Consultees &amp; Means of Consultation</b>	<b>When &amp; How to Make Representations</b>	<b>Scrutiny Involvement</b>
<b>NS/08/11</b>	To Cabinet 18 April 2012	To consider proposals following consultation on the review of access and provision in relation to Household Waste Recycling Centres	Review of Access and Provision in Relation to Household Waste Recycling Centres Cabinet Report 27/10/2011	Cllr Brian Stephens	AAPs, Disability Groups, Durham County Residents, Site Staff and Site Users, Elected Members, Environment Agency. Via on-line/paper based questionnaire.	Alan Patrickson, Head of Projects and Business Services : 0191 370 8951	Environment Scrutiny Cttee was informed of the proposals at its meeting on 21st November 2011 and had the opportunity to comment
<b>NS/16/12</b>	To Cabinet 30 May 2012	To consider proposals for a new Allotment Policy following consultation	Allotment Policy Cabinet Report 13/04/2011	Cllr Maria Plews	Council Allotment Tenants, Allotment Association Tenants, Parish/Town Councils, Durham County Residents. Via: on-line/paper based questionnaire	Stephen Howell, Head of Sport and Leisure 0191 372 9178	
<b>NS/06/11</b>	To Cabinet 30 May 2012	To consider proposals for a future approach to markets provision	Markets Review Report February 2011 Mary Portas Review 2012	Cllr Bob Young	Market Operators and Traders, Parish/Town Councils, AAPs, Local Businesses, Neighbouring Authorities, Durham County residents - web on-line questionnaire.	Joanne Waller, Head of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection 03000 60924	



**SECTION FIVE - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Ref. No.	Date of Decision (i.e. date of Cabinet	Description of Decision to be Made	Background Documents	Lead Cabinet Member	Main Consultees & Means of Consultation	When & How to Make Representations	Scrutiny Involvement
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**Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board**



23 April 2012

**Information update from the  
Chairs of the Overview and  
Scrutiny Committees**

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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To present to Members an information update of overview and scrutiny activity from March – April 2012.

**Background**

- 2 As previously agreed, a written report of Chairs' updates will be presented for information only to all Overview and Scrutiny Management Boards. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are encouraged to get involved in any area of Overview and Scrutiny activity via thematic committees and/or talk to Scrutiny Committee Chairs and OS Officers on areas of project/overview activity.

**Updates**

- 3 Updates from Overview and Scrutiny Committees from March - April 2012 are as follows:

**Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

<p><b><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update was received by the Committee on the scrutiny review of Contracts and Tenders. Proposals to host a members' seminar and consideration on how best to share information with members on procurements are being developed.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></b></p>	<p>Two light touch reviews are taking place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postal arrangements within Durham County Council – incoming and outgoing. This is running alongside an existing review being carried out by Resources and is looking at corporate arrangements, with regard to efficiency and value for money. The review will report by July.</li> <li>• Telephone Calls - in considering the Q3 Performance Report, members have expressed concerns regarding the Council's performance in respect of telephone calls answered within 1 minute and also the percentage of abandoned calls. It has been suggested that a LTR be undertaken on these issues and accordingly terms of reference and a project plan are being drafted in conjunction with the service grouping. It is intended that the outcome of the review will report by the end of June.</li> </ul>

<b>Overview Presentations</b>	<p>Refresh of the CIOSC Work Programme, in line with the Council Plan 2012-16 with suggestions to focus on MTFP. Items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asset Management Strategy</li> <li>• Single Asset Register</li> <li>• Customer First Strategy</li> <li>• ICT Services</li> <li>• Regulation of Investigatory Powers</li> <li>• Engaging effectively with our communities and Partners</li> <li>• Quarterly monitoring of accounts payable.</li> </ul>
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**Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC O/S Committee)**

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At its meeting in March, the Committee agreed to undertake a light touch review of the ‘Use of Legislation and Powers to tackle Metal Theft within County Durham’.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview Presentations</b>	<p>The Committee also received :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation on Road Safety including activity of the Road Casualty Reduction Partnership and progress of initiatives and enforcement activity by the Council’s Consumer Protection Team.</li> <li>• A report to provide an overview of projects that are currently funded through the Safe Durham Partnership’s Community Safety Fund and details of the allocation at a reduced level for 2012/13.</li> <li>• Refresh of the Committee’s Work Programme in line with the Council’s Plan 2012-16 was also considered at the meeting in March. The report highlighted work undertaken during 2011/12 and highlighted gaps within the existing work programme including High Impact Localities and Building community and organisational resilience for emergency preparedness, response and recovery. Members of the Committee are asked to forward suggestions for potential review topics and the Committee will agree its work programme at the July meeting.</li> <li>• A joint meeting was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 between the Safer and Stronger and the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider a response to the Library Strategy Consultation.</li> </ul>

## Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee has completed the review focusing on Increasing the employment opportunities for young people (18-24) by the further development of partnership working within County Durham. The report is scheduled to go to Cabinet on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.</li> <li>• In addition a special joint meeting was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 between the Economy and Enterprise and the Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committees providing an overview in relation to the Empty Homes Strategy. A scoping paper is currently being prepared for a Light Touch Review to be undertaken.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview Presentations</b>	<p>The Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 29th March, 2012 considered the following overview presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Key Options – this provided members with an update on the progress against the recommendations contained in the independent review report produced by a consultant from the Housing Quality Network.</li> <li>• Multi-disciplinary Teams – Members received a progress report on the introduction of Multi-disciplinary teams which combine the Empty Homes and Private Landlords Initiatives, Officers into the Area-based Housing Regeneration Teams.</li> <li>• Council Plan 2012-2016 - Refresh of the Work Programme for the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee –the following areas were identified for overview presentations with a view to deciding future Light Touch Review projects: Affordable Homes Strategy; Adult Learning Strategy; Homelessness; Regeneration Strategy; Tourism; Financial Inclusion Strategy; geographical profiles at AAP level and Business Support.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee is currently commencing a Light Touch Review focusing on Empty Homes.</p>

## Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for the period.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates/ Overview Presentations</b>	<p>The Committee at it's meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste Programme – update on the implementation of new alternate weekly collection arrangements, the progress on the procurement of new waste management contracts and the Council's approach to the Weekly Collection Support Scheme announced by the Department of Communities and Local Government.</li> <li>• Setting up of a Charitable Trust to manage the Council's Sport, Leisure, Cultural and Library Services –update on the objective of the above project, general progress, the composition of a trust and its relationship to the Council, scope of services to be included, procurement arrangements, project risks and the proposed timetable.</li> <li>• Council Plan 2012 – 2016 – Refresh of the Work Programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – refreshed to reflect the five objectives and subsequent outcomes identified within the Council Plan 2012 – 2016 for the Council's 'Altogether Greener' priority theme. Items proposed for inclusion were the Revised Bathing Quality Water Directive, Playing Pitch Strategy and the operation of the Council's Neighbourhood Warden Service following its restructure.</li> </ul>

## Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYPS O/S Committee)

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee has agreed to carry out a review on Excess Weight in Primary Aged Children. The focus of the review is looking at the affect of excess weight on children taking into account 4 key lines of enquiry: Review of the current strategy; Social marketing and behaviour change; Gaps in data and the impact of commissioned programmes. This is a cross cutting working group with Adults Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Committee. The first meeting of the working group will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012.</li> </ul>

<b>Overview Presentations</b>	<p>The CYP OSC has received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</li> <li>• Council Plan 2012 – 2016 – Refresh of the Work Programme for the Children and Young Peoples O/S Committee – Members were given details of the refresh of the Council Plan and asked to give consideration to what items members would like added to the work programme such as: Child Exploitation, Child Poverty, Mental Health Issues of Children and Young People and Children’s Health Services which are cross cutting areas with Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> </ul>
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**Adults, Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWBH O/S Committee)**

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members have considered proposals by North East Ambulance Service to reconfigure Accident and Emergency Ambulance Services. The Committee have requested details of the proposals as well as NEAS Consultation/Engagement plans with updates planned at future meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview Presentations</b>	<p>9 March 2012 -The Committee considered :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health</li> <li>• An update report regarding Public Health Reforms</li> <li>• An update report regarding NHS Reforms</li> <li>• Performance report updates in respect of Rural Ambulance Services</li> </ul> <p>Special meetings of the AWH OSC are to be held in May/June to discuss the NHS and Public Health reforms in more detail.</p> <p>16 April 2012 – The Committee considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update regarding the Momentum project</li> <li>• The refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</li> <li>• Proposals for the Committee’s engagement in NHS Organisational Quality Accounts for 2011/12</li> <li>• Proposals for the refresh of the AWH OSC Committee in line with the Council Plan 2012 – 2016.</li> </ul>

## **Performance/Budget/Work Programme Reporting**

- 4 Information on both performance and outturn reports continue to be received and commented upon.

## **Recommendation**

- 5 Members are invited to receive the report and note the information contained therein.

**Background Papers:** Previous committee reports/presentations.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Finance - 1**

N/A

### **Staffing - 2**

N/A

### **Risk - 3**

N/A

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - 4**

N/A

### **Accommodation - 5**

N/A

### **Crime and Disorder - 6**

N/A

### **Human Rights - 7**

N/A

### **Consultation - 8**

N/A

### **Procurement - 9**

N/A

### **Disability Issues - 10**

N/A

### **Legal Implications - 11**

N/A

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