

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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County Durham Vision 2035

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the proposed new County Durham Vision to overview and scrutiny members as part of the final third phase of the consultation process.

Executive summary

2. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held a workshop for all overview and scrutiny members in January this year to consider emerging findings for a new County Durham Vision.
3. The emerging findings document and draft ambitions were produced following an analysis of performance data, feedback from consultations and emerging policy developments.
4. Comments from the workshop were fed back and following further consultation and feedback a proposed new vision for County Durham has been developed.

Recommendation(s)

5. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are asked to:
 - a) Note and comment upon the proposed new County Durham Vision presentation and video.

Background

6. The County Durham Partnership agreed to refresh their vision for County Durham on 10 October 2018. A three-phase consultation was

agreed, with the first phase involving a review of existing consultation evidence and additional focus groups, incorporating over 24,000 individual responses.

7. An emerging findings document with draft ambitions was then produced and used as the basis for a second phase of public consultation between November 2018 – January 2019. This exercise included:
 - a) An online survey on the county council website (215 responses received)
 - b) 23 focus groups (250 community attendees)
 - c) 21 partnership meetings and forums
8. Both the emerging findings and feedback from the above consultation responses have been used to further shape the proposed vision for County Durham (attached as Appendix 2).

Background papers

Refreshing the County's Vision - Emerging Findings

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/26553/Durham-2030-a-vision-for-our-future/pdf/Durham2030-AVisionForOurFuture.pdf?m=636789245733670000>

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None.

Finance

Corporate, service and financial planning are part of an integrated process. Ambitions will influence future resource allocation.

Consultation

This report forms part of the final consultation phase on the County Durham Vision.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Equalities issues have been considered in the development of the proposed ambitions and objectives within the draft vision document.

Human Rights

None.

Crime and Disorder

Crime and disorder issues have been considered in the development of the proposed ambitions and objectives within the draft vision document.

Staffing

None.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

Major risks have been considered in the development of the proposed ambitions and objectives in the draft vision document.

Procurement

None.

Climate Emergency

Climate change issues have been considered in the development of the proposed ambitions and objectives within the draft vision document.