

**Safer and Stronger Communities
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

27 February 2023

Probation Service



Report of Paul Darby, Corporate Director of Resources

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of a presentation on probation services in County Durham.

Executive summary

- 2 The presentation attached in Appendix 2 provides members with an update on delivery of probation services within County Durham following on from the last report which focussed on the transition to one probation service in June 2021.

Recommendation

- 3 Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the presentation and comment accordingly.

Background

- 4 The Committee agreed its work programme in June 2022 and agreed to include an item on the probation service. It builds on previous reports to the SSC OSC which have detailed changes to delivery of probation services to the now one national service.
- 5 Karen Blackburn, Head of County Durham and Darlington Probation Service will be in attendance to deliver the presentation attached at Appendix 2.

Main implications

Crime and Disorder

- 6 Information with this report aims to contribute to reducing re-offending.

Background papers

- None

Other useful documents

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None.

Finance

None

Consultation

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None.

Human Rights

None.

Climate Change

None.

Crime and Disorder

Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives in the Safe Durham Partnership Plan to reducing crime and disorder.

Staffing

None.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

None.

Procurement

None.