

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

**16 April 2024**

**Probation Service**



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

## **Background**

- 4 The Committee considered its work programme in June 2023 and agreed to include an item on the Probation Service and reducing reoffending. It builds on previous reports to the SSC OSC which have detailed changes to delivery of probation services. The presentation will give details of staffing, business plan on a page including an outline of key priorities, a summary of performance, homelessness and Integrated Offender Management scheme update and reoffending rates.
- 5 Karen Blackburn, Head of County Durham and Darlington Probation Service will be in attendance to deliver the presentation attached at Appendix 2 together with her deputy, Tanya Graham and Inspector Adam Norris, Durham Constabulary

## **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**

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### **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.