## Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/25

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (COSMB)

Lead officer: Helen Bradley

Key service contact: Michael Turnbull

Strategic Oversight of Council Plan 2024-28 and its priorities with specific responsibility for the Our Council priority.

Overview and Scrutiny Review

• A systematic six monthly review of progress against recommendations/action plan

Scrutiny/Working Group

• In-depth review/light touch review

Overview/progress

• Information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review

Performance/Budget

• Ongoing quarterly monitoring performance reports/budgets

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| O/S Review   |  |                    |            |   |  |
| Scrutiny/Working<br>Group (light touch /<br>in-depth review) |  |                    |            |   |  |
| Budget and MTFP process                                      | 3 Sept 2024 2 December 2024 21 January 2025 13 February 2025 | Report to<br>COSMB | Paul Darby | To enable scrutiny members to comment and feed into the MTFP and budget setting process | To look at any issues and or reviews linked to achieving savings within the MTFP  Update reports considered by COSMB |

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| Overview/Progress                       |                    |                    |                    |  |                                 |
| North East Combined<br>Authority Update | 28 October<br>2024 | Report to<br>COSMB | Chief<br>Executive | To update members on the establishment and priorities of the North East Combined Authority | Members information and comment |

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| Community<br>Engagement (AAP)<br>Review – Update                               | 28 October or<br>2 December<br>2024 | Report to<br>COSMB | Andy<br>Kerr/Emma<br>Gardner | To update members on proposals for the implementation of the Community Engagement (AAP) Review recommendations and Area Networks | Members Information                         |
| Overview and Scrutiny<br>Annual Report and six<br>monthly report to<br>Council | 18 June<br>2024<br>2 Dec 2024       | Report to<br>COSMB | Stephen<br>Gwillym           | Members to sign off the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report and six monthly update before submission to Council.                 | Members' information, and circulated widely |
| Digital Strategy   | 2 December<br>2024                  | Report to COSMB    | Marion<br>Ingleby            | To update members of the COSMB on the progress made against the Digital Strategy   | Members Information                         |

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| HQ and<br>Accommodation<br>Strategy                           | TBC                 | Report to<br>COSMB | Susan<br>Robinson                   | To update members on the HQ development and associated accommodation plans.   | Members' information                                |
| Refresh of the<br>Workforce Strategy<br>2024-2027             | 3 September<br>2024 | Report to<br>COSMB | Alison<br>Lazazzera                 | To update members on the refresh of the Workforce Strategy 2023-27  | Members' information                                |
| The County Durham<br>Pound – update                           | 28 October<br>2024  | Report to<br>COSMB | Corporate<br>Procurement<br>Officer | To update members on progress with the initiatives  | Members' information                                |
| Regulation of<br>Investigatory Powers<br>Act<br>annual report | 28 Oct 2024         | Report to<br>COSMB | TBC                                 | To inform members of the<br>Council's use of powers under the<br>Regulation of Investigatory<br>Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and to<br>review the RIPA policy | Members' information and recommendations to Cabinet |
| Annual<br>Representations report<br>2023/24                   | 3 September<br>2024 | Report to<br>COSMB | Lesley Martin                       | To present key messages in relation to the management and handling of statutory representations for Children and Adults Social Services.                | Members' information                                |
| Council Plan Refresh<br>2023 – 2027                           | 2 December<br>2024  | Report to<br>COSMB | Steve Evans                         | To update members on the refresh of the Council Plan and the development of revised performance management reporting                                    | Members' information                                |

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| Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (2000) quarterly report         | Quarter 4 2023/24 18 June 2024 Quarter 1 2024/25 3 September 2024 Quarter 2 2024/25 28 October 2024 Quarter 3 2024/25 13 February 2025 | Report to<br>COSMB     | TBC                            | To inform members of the Council's use of powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) on a quarterly basis.                           | Members' information |
| Notice of Key<br>Decisions   | At each<br>COSMB   | Report to<br>Committee | Michael<br>Turnbull            | To keep members informed of any additions or amendments.  | Members' information |
| Performance/Budget   |  |                        |                                |   |                      |
| Performance Quarterly reporting to include Customer Feedback reporting | Q4 2023/24<br>3 September<br>2024<br>Q1 2024/25<br>28 October<br>2024  | Report to<br>COSMB     | Steve<br>Evans/Vicky<br>Murray | To provide members with progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework including Customer Feedback information. | Standing item        |

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|   | Q2 2024/25<br>13 February<br>2024  |                    |             |   |               |
|   | Q3 2024/25<br>TBC  |                    |             |   |               |
| Budget Outturn Report Quarterly reporting - Resources | Q4 2023/24<br>3 September<br>2024<br>Q1 2024/25<br>3 September<br>2024<br>Q2 2024/25<br>2 December<br>2024<br>Q3 2024/25<br>13 February<br>2025<br>Q4 2023/24<br>3 September<br>2024 | Report to<br>COSMB | Ed Thompson | To provide members with details of the forecast outturn budget position for the Resources service groupings | Standing item |
| Chief Executives                                      | Q1 2024/25<br>3 September<br>2024  |                    |             |   |               |

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|  | Q2 2024/25<br>2 December<br>2024          |                         |                    |   |                         |
|  | Q3 2024/25<br>13 February<br>2025         |                         |                    |   |                         |
| General Fund<br>Revenue &Capital<br>Final Outturn<br>(Cabinet July 2024) | 3 Sept 2024                               | Report to<br>COSMB      | Paul Darby         | To provide members with the final revenue and capital outturn for the General Fund and achievement of MTFP savings.   | For members information |
| Periodic updates   |   |                         |                    |   |                         |
| Poverty Action<br>Strategy Annual<br>Report                              | TBC                                       | Report to<br>COSMB      | TBC                | To keep members informed of the progress being made by the council and its partners in addressing welfare reform and the wider poverty issues in the county.      | For information         |
| County Durham<br>Partnership update                                      | TBC                                       | Cabinet report to COSMB | Julie<br>Bradbrook | To keep members informed of issues being addressed by the County Durham Partnership and other key initiatives being carried out in partnership across the county. | For information         |
| Petitions updates<br>Quarterly   | 18 June 2024<br>3 Sept 2024<br>2 Dec 2024 | Report to<br>COSMB      | Jackie<br>Graham   | To keep members informed of the status of petitions received by the Authority   | For information         |

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|      | 28 March<br>2025 |      |     |         |         |