

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

**24 February 2025**

**Probation Service**



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**Report of Helen Bradley, Director of Legal and Democratic Services**

**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**

- 3 The Committee considered its work programme in July 2024 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.
- 4 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.

## **Main implications**

Crime and Disorder

- 5 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.