

# **Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**1 October 2012**

## **County Durham Local Involvement Network (LiNK) Annual Report 2011/12**



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### **Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with information in advance of a presentation from County Durham Local Involvement Network (LiNK) on their Annual Report for 2011/12.

#### **Background**

- 2 County Durham Local Involvement Network (LiNK) is a group of individuals, organisations and associated members whose main aim is to help people have more say about their health and social care and make improvements where needed.
3. Since the establishment of the LiNK, the County Council's Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have enjoyed a positive relationship in ensuring the key issues of members of the public have been highlighted in respect of Health and Social Care services.
4. The LiNK Annual report for 2011/12 highlights:-
  - (a) The LiNK's Governance arrangements;
  - (b) Enter and View visits that have been undertaken by LiNK representatives;
  - (c) The results of an independent evaluation in the LiNK;
  - (d) The work undertaken with Durham County Council in developing Local HealthWatch arrangements;
  - (e) Financial Reports.
5. Copies of the LiNK Annual report have been placed in the Members Resource Centre, and can be accessed via the following link.  
<http://linkcountydurham.co.uk/downloads/reports/Final%20Annual%20Report%202011-12.pdf>

## **Recommendations**

6. That the Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the information provided in the presentation and receive the County Durham LINK Annual Report 2011/12.

## **Background Papers**

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance - None**

**Staffing - None**

**Risk - None**

**Equality and Diversity –None.**

**Accommodation - None.**

**Crime and Disorder -None.**

**Human Rights - None.**

**Consultation – None**

**Procurement -None.**

**Disability Issues -None.**

**Legal Implications -None.**