

19 June 2015

**Review of the Committee's Work
Programme 2015-16**

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2015 - 16.

Background

2. At its meeting on 23 March 2015, the Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2015 – 2018 for the Altogether Safer priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition topics have also been identified that are inline the Council Plan, Cabinet's Forward Plan of decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, Safe Durham Partnership Plan and strategies, performance and changes in Government legislation.

Detail

3. In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2015 – 2016 has been prepared and attached in Appendix 2. It is to note that the work programme is flexible to enable additional items to be accommodated throughout the year.
4. In considering its work programme, Members are asked to identify a topic for review activity to be undertaken. At present, the Committee are currently concluding its work on organised crime and are also involved in projects on 20 mph limits and implementation of an integrated service for alcohol and substance misuse that focuses on recovery.
5. With regard to future review activity, a suggestion has been received to look at Novel Psychoactive Substances (Legal Highs) with the aim to gain an understanding to their potential impact and current legislation.
6. Within this context, it is for Members to consider Novel Psychoactive Substances as a focussed area or suggest an alternative topic.
7. At its meeting in October 2014, Cllr Boyes, Chair of the Committee requested arrangements be made for the Committee to attend the Road Safety event 'Wisedrive' in September and the 'Safety Carousel' in November. Specific dates for these events are to be finalised and will be circulated to Members.

Recommendation

8. Members of the Committee are asked to:
- a) agree the work programme within Appendix 2
 - b) agree to undertake review activity on Novel Psychoactive Substances or identify an alternative topic area
 - c) note information relating to future Wisedrive and Safety Carousel sessions and once identified, dates are to be communicated with Members.

Background Papers

'Council Plan 2015-2018- Refresh of the Work Programme' – Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2014

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – The Committee’s Work Programme is to provide challenge and contribute to the Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan 2015 -2018.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015 - 2016

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015 - 2016</p> <p>Safer and Stronger Communities OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Jonathan Slee</p> <p>IPG contact: Peter Appleton</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – In depth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
O/S Review						
Road Safety for Children & Young People	2013	September 2013		Paul Watson Graeme Greig	To follow up recommendations following the Committee's review.	Progress report received at September 2013 meeting. Activity superseded by Cabinet agreed report December 2014 that included 20mph policy revision and scrutiny working group established to provide comment on the revised policy and oversight on implementation of part-time 20mph limits at 33 schools within the County.

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Neighbourhood Wardens	2014	September 2014	September 2015	Ian Hoult	To follow up recommendations following the Committee's review.	Progress report received at Sept 14 SSC OSC meeting.
Scrutiny/Working Group						
Organised Crime	2014	November 2014		DCI Victoria Fuller – Durham Constabulary	The purpose of the review is to seek outcomes to contribute to further enhancing tackling organised crime within the county	Report scheduled for July Cabinet and progress update to be identified within Committee work programme
Drug Treatment Centres	2014	July 2014		Lyn Wilson	To provide scrutiny on implementation of an integrated service for alcohol and substance misuse within the County	Review Group met prior to procurement exercise commencing. New service provider in place from April 2015 and review group to meet with new service provider July 2015.
20 mph Limits	2015	April 2015		John Reed Anna Lynch Adrian White	The aim of the review is to provide non-executive elected member challenge and oversight to ensure effective delivery of the Cabinet recommendations and development of a revised policy statement	Review activity commenced and progress reports will be presented at each SSC OSC meeting.

Overview/Progress		Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
County Durham Youth Offending Service – Youth Justice Plan			June 2015	June 2015	Gill Eshelby	To receive and consider information on activity to deliver the Youth Justice Plan.	<i>Identified within the Council Plan</i>
Safe Durham Partnership Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy			June 2015		Kirsty Wilkinson	Provide comment on the SDP Draft Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy	
Novel Psychoactive Substances			June 2015		Lynn Wilson	To receive a report from Public Health regarding NPS	
Road Casualty Reduction Forum			September 2015		Dave Wafer	To receive information providing an overview of work undertaken and campaign for 2015/16	Identified within the Safe Durham Partnership plan and Council Plan. Requested following presentation to SSC OSC in September 2014.
ASB – Joint Partnership Team and ASB 2014 Act			September 2015		Ian Hoults	To receive a report on the Joint ASB Partnership Team and progress update on implementation of ASB powers following Members seminar in December 2014.	Identified within Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

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Water Safety Review for Durham City Safety Group		September 2015		Terry Collins	To receive information on activity of the working group and proposed actions following publication of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' report in April 2015.	
Reducing number of Secondary deliberate fires		October 2015		County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service	To receive and provide comment on ASB partnership approach to reducing the number of secondary deliberate fires in the run up to Bonfire night	Identified within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan
Checkpoint		October 2015			To receive information on implementation of the Checkpoint project that aims to provide a credible alternative to criminal justice sanctions.	
Mental Health Strategy		October 2015		Lynn Wilson	To receive information on implementation of the County Durham Mental Health Strategy and approaches to suicide prevention.	Requested by the Committee at its meeting in March 2015.

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Crisis Care Concordat		October 2015			To receive information on the local delivery of the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat is a national agreement between services and agencies involved in the care and support of people in crisis.	
Transforming rehabilitation – National Probation Service		January 2016		National Probation Service	Progress report on implementation of the NPS and delivery of probation services within the County	Requested following presentation to September 2014 SSC OSC meeting
SDP Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Delivery Plan		January 2016		Lyn Wilson	Report providing update on actions within the Plan	Key area within Council and Safe Durham Partnership Plans. Requested by Committee following report to January 2015 meeting
Multi-Agency Interventions Project		January 2016		Ian Hoult	To receive a progress report on implementation of the revised MAPs process	Committee requested following report to January 2015 meeting
Transforming rehabilitation – Community Rehabilitation Company		February 2016		Hazel Willoughby	Progress report on implementation of the CRC and delivery of probation services within the County	Requested following October 2015 OSC meeting

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Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan		February 2016	Ongoing	Peter Appleton	To receive and comment on the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan and findings from the Strategic Assessment	Key strategic document, Committee provided commented throughout development of the Safe Durham Partnership plan.
Reducing Re-offending strategy		February 2016		Re-offending lead	To receive a report on a refresh of the reducing re-offending strategy and activity of the thematic group.	Identified as a key area within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan
Consumer Protection – enforcement activity		February 2016		Owen Cleugh	Progress report on intelligence led enforcement activity in relation to reduce door step crime, rogue traders and supply of illicit, counterfeit and age restricted products	
Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015		March 2016		Lead Officer from CONTEST Group	Report on implementation of the Act	<i>Identified within Safe Durham Partnership Plan and requested following report to SSC OSC Meeting in March 2015.</i>
County Durham & Darlington Fire Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP)		TBC		Stuart Errington	Provide comment to the Fire Service’s IRMP consultation.	

Performance	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
Performance 2014/15 Quarter 4		June 2015		Peter Appleton	Members are to consider quarterly reports detailing performance against indicators within the Council's Altogether Safer theme. Members may wish to comment both on areas of good performance and areas that are below target.	The report is to also provide an opportunity to identify topics within the Committee's work programme and have been key factors to undertake review activity.
Performance 2015/16 Quarter 1		September 2015				
Quarter 2		January 2016				
Quarter 3		April 16				
Quarter 4		TBC				