

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

21 June 2016

Review of the Committee's Work Programme 2016-17



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 2016 - 17.

Background

2. At its meeting on 23 March 2016, the Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 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 in line the Council Plan, Cabinet's Forward Plan of decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy and Safe Durham Partnership (SDP) Plan.

Detail

3. In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2016 – 2017 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 concluding its work on Alcohol and its Demand on Emergency Services to which its report is scheduled to complete by September 2016.
5. With regard to future review activity, at its meeting in March a suggestion was made to look at work in relation to the new Council Plan and SDP Plan objective of 'Improved Safety in the Home'. This suggestion has been explored with the Fire Service who is leading on this work and would be a feasible topic area with potential to lead to beneficial outcomes in relation to this objective.
6. In addition suggestions have been received to look at psychoactive substances in relation to new legislation and road safety with regard to young drivers and the fatal four causes of accidents. These suggestions have also been explored but could be more challenging in terms of identifying useful outcomes. However, these are important areas and can also be accommodated in the committee's work programme. It is therefore proposed to hold focused meetings with service professionals on both of these areas to which could lead to a report from these meetings being submitted to the Safe Durham Partnership Board and Cabinet Portfolio Members.

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 2016 -2019.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016 - 2019

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016 - 2019</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						
20 mph Limits	2015/16	April 2015		John Reed	To follow up on recommendations following the Committee's review.	Working group report agreed at Cabinet May 2016 with recommendation for update report to be included within SSC OSC work programme
Drug Treatment Centres	2014/15	July 2014	October 2015	Lynn Wilson	Consider progress on delivery/performance on Substance Misuse Services	Requested following recommendation within report to SSC OSC in October 2015
Organised Crime	2014/15	November 2014	Sept 2015	Durham Constabulary Andrea Petty Paul Bradley	To follow up on recommendations following the Committee's review	

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Scrutiny/Working Group						
Alcohol and the Demand on Emergency Services	Jan 2016			SDP Alcohol Harm Reduction Group	The aim of this work is to gain an understanding of the impact of alcohol related incidents on levels of demand for emergency services within County Durham and to contribute evidence to support delivery of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy	Evidence has been gathered and a report is to be scheduled for Sept SSC OSC, Cabinet and SDP Board
Overview/Progress						
Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015		June 2016		Deputy Chief Constable, Stephen Watson	To receive an update report on progress of the Altogether Safer priority, 'Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism' and the implications of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.	Report builds upon presentation at March 2015 SSC OSC meeting and identified within SDP Plan
SDP Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy		June 2016		Lynn Wilson	Consider a report on delivery of the Strategy	Identified within the SDP Plan
ERASE – Child Sexual Exploitation		25 th July 2016		Helen Fergusson	Overview presentation by Officers from the Council and Durham Constabulary on the work of the ERASE Team	Joint meeting with CYP OSC Meeting

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Road Casualty Reduction Forum		September 2016		Dave Wafer	To receive information providing an overview of work undertaken and campaign for 2016/17	Identified within the Safe Durham Partnership plan and Council Plan.
County Durham Youth Offending Service – Youth Justice Plan		September 2016		Gill Eshelby	To receive and consider information on activity to deliver the Youth Justice Plan.	Identified within the Council Plan
Multi-Agency Interventions Project (MAIS)		September 2016		Ian Hoult	To consider a report following outcomes from a review of the MAIS service	
Checkpoint		October 2016		Alan Reiss, Office of the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner	To consider a report on delivery of the Checkpoint project.	Identified within the SDP Plan and presentation to Oct 2015 SSC OSC meeting.
Community and Organisational Resilience		October 2016		Su Jordan		Identified within SDP and Council Plans
Safe Durham Partnership Plan		October 2016		Andrea Petty	Report on actions within SDP Plan and development of SDP Plan for 2017-20	
Cybercrime		January 2017		SDP Thematic Lead		Identified within SDP Plan and suggested at Feb 16 OSC meeting
Safe Durham Partnership Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy		January 2017		SDP Thematic Lead	To consider progress and delivery of the SDP Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy	Identified within the SDP Plan and linked to review activity on Alcohol and demand on Emergency Services

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Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan		February 2017	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 2017		Re-offending lead	To consider 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 2017		Owen Cleugh	Report on intelligence led enforcement activity in relation to reduce door step crime, rogue traders and supply of illicit, counterfeit and age restricted products	
County Durham & Darlington Fire Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP)		TBC		Stuart Errington	Receive update on current plan and provide comment to the Fire Service’s IRMP consultation.	

Performance	Date of O/S Review	Start Date	End Date	Who	Outcome	Comment
Performance 2015/16 Quarter 4		June 2016		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 2016/17 Quarter 1		September 2016				
Quarter 2		January 2017				
Quarter 3		April 17				
Quarter 4		TBC				