

# Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2 November 2018



## Probation Services – Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company

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### Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

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#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Committee with background information in advance of a presentation by Bronwen Elphick, Chief Executive, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) on probation services undertaken by the CRC within County Durham.

#### Background

- 2 As part of the Government's strategy for Transforming Rehabilitation, saw the abolition of Probation Trusts and the creation of a public sector led National Probation Service with 7 regional divisions and introduction of contracts for privately owned 21 CRCs across England Wales. County Durham is included within the NPS North East Region office and following a competition process in February 2015, Achieving Real Change in Communities (ARCC) took ownership of Durham Tees Valley CRC.
- 3 In summary, the NPS are responsible for the management of high risk offenders released into the community and the CRC manage low and medium risk offenders.
- 4 The Durham Tees Valley CRC is responsible for supervising around 5,000 low and medium risk offenders subject to either a Community Order or a prison Licence. This responsibility is undertaken through supervision of offenders in the community and prisons, helping to protect the public from harm, reduce reoffending and to rehabilitate offenders.
- 5 Bronwen Elphick, Chief Executive, Durham Tees Valley CRC will be in attendance at the Committee's meeting to deliver the presentation within Appendix 2 on the CRC's activity, delivery of service, performance, achievements and future plans including links to the recent government consultation 'Strengthening probation, building confidence'.
- 6 Information within this presentation builds upon on an update provided to the Committee in February 2016 and complements the presentation provided to the Committee by the NPS in September 2018.

## **Recommendation**

- 7 Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

## **Background Papers**

Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company – Safer and Stronger Communities OSC, 16 February 2016

Probation Services- Safer and Stronger Communities OSC, September 2018

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – None**

**Staffing – None**

**Risk - None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation - None**

**Crime and Disorder** –The report and presentation includes information on priority areas within the Altogether Safer element of the Council and Safe Durham Partnership Plans.

**Human Rights – None**

**Consultation – None**

**Procurement – None**

**Disability Issues – None**

**Legal Implications – None**