

Appendix 1 – Illustration of the range of issues to be included in the work programme of the four Scrutiny Committees (from 2016/17)

New Scrutiny Committee	Proposed Membership	Proposed Remit	Alignment to key Corporate Priority
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	Chair Vice-Chair 3 Thematic Chairs 9 Scrutiny Members = 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Budget • Corporate Plan • External assessments • Performance monitoring, quality standards and value for money • Property and facilities management • Information Technology • Organisational development • Workforce strategy • Governance • Customer service and communications. 	<p>The Council's Business Transformation and Organisational Development Plans</p> <p>Review of changes to the organisation which are needed to deliver the priorities and to support the further development of the Council.</p> <p>Review of the changes needed to the structures and Alternative Service Delivery models which will ensure that the citizen and councillors are placed at the centre of the way the organisation takes decisions and designs future activity when undertaking co-operative commissioning.</p> <p>Safer Sunderland Partnership Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic direction in relation to creating and maintaining a Safe City. • Ensuring action to deliver this is adequately resourced in line with strategic priorities. • Annual Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment (PSIA) and review and agree the Safer Sunderland Strategy (i.e. the Partnership Plan) • Key Sunderland Partnership functions in relation to crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in addition to its statutory duties under relevant legislation (Crime and Disorder Act 1998). <p>To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for health, crime and disorder scrutiny and flood risk</p>
Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Chair Vice-Chair 10 Scrutiny Members = 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult social care • Mental health services • Public Health • Wellness • Decent Homes <p>To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for health</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy • Leadership to the health and wellbeing system in Sunderland. • Decisions based on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee	Chair Vice-Chair 10 Scrutiny Members 4 Statutory Education coopts = 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding and child protection • Family support and children's social care • Corporate parenting • Educational attainment and skills • Relationship with schools • Youth Services 	<p>Education Leadership Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Education and Skills Strategy. • Partnership decision making across the local authority, schools and business.
Economic Prosperity	Chair Vice-Chair 10 Scrutiny Members = 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aims of the Economic Masterplan • Safer Sunderland • Licensing & Trading Standards • Strategic Transport • Environmental services • Libraries, heritage and tourism 	<p>Economic Leadership Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of the aims of the Sunderland Economic Masterplan. • Review outcomes and achievements from the delivery plans • To receive and review performance reports. • To ensure projects and decisions account for equality needs and engage the city's diverse population

Appendix 2 – Transition of current projects: Alignment of the current work programme (2015/16) to the new remits

New Scrutiny Committee	Existing Scrutiny Panels	Realigned Work Programme Topics for Remainder of 2015/16
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Article 4 Policy Framework documents including budget setting and corporate plan Anti-Social Behaviour – new powers (not started)
Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Public Health, Wellness & Culture Health, Housing & Adult Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual Health Policy Review (concludes end Dec 15) Transitions from Child to Adult Social Care Policy Review (on-going) Site visit to HMO (concludes end Nov 15) Substantial Variations to health services / Statutory health scrutiny role
Children, Education & Skills	Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Mental Health Policy Review (on-going) Children's Safeguarding Working Group (on-going) Ofsted Improvement Plan / Monthly Performance Monitoring Report School Performance (Validated Results) – Feb 16 C&YP Community Services Annual Performance Update (Mar 16)
Economic Prosperity	Responsive Services & Customer Care Skills, Economy & Regeneration City Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's Customer Services – Policy Review (concludes Dec 15) Key Cities Policy Review (on-going) Digital Skills Policy (not started) Environmental Enforcement – Policy Review (concludes end Dec 15) BID Annual Update (Feb16)

Appendix 3 – Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review including current and planned activity:

	Independent Scrutiny Review Recommendation	Action	Progress
1	That the Council immediately undertakes a review of the current scrutiny work programme to be assured that the Scrutiny Function is providing the support and challenge required to deliver the Council's core work including the Ofsted Improvement Plan.	Current work programmes (2015/16) have been reviewed to assess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Status / merit of each project ii. Closure of projects where relevant iii. Continuation of projects by transfer to transition model <p>The criteria used to determine this will be whether topics mirror the strategic priorities for the council and its partners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Member consultation 3rd December • Appendix 2 sets out the alignment of each Panel's projects.
2	Review of the process and focus of the scrutiny work programme to ensure the content addresses the priorities most important to residents, the organisation and partners and is re-balanced to incorporate the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding decision makers to account; • Service Improvement through performance monitoring; • Scrutiny of statutory services with emphasis on children and adults safeguarding; • Organisational transformation (including alternative service delivery models); and • Policy review and development. 	Work programme 2016/17 across the 4 committees to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Policy Review & Development (<i>only where the topic is directly supporting a key priority and merits detailed investigation</i>) ii. Quarterly Performance Data (<i>broken down to remit of thematic Scrutiny Committee</i>) iii. Service Improvement iv. Consultation (<i>includes early notification of service reconfiguration</i>) v. Notice of Key Decisions (<i>relevant to the thematic remit</i>) <p>Review of the Annual Scrutiny Debate to design an event which is more focused on the identification of key priorities. This is likely to include input from Heads of Service on key current issues and immediate priorities which require review or scrutiny.</p> <p>Scrutiny Chairs to establish working relationships with the Chairs of the 3 Leadership Boards.</p>	Meetings to be arranged with Heads of Service to discuss current and immediate priorities for inclusion in the work programme including scrutiny's role in Alternative Models of Service Delivery.
3	To consider whether the current commissioning model is still the right mechanism to deliver a revised work programme and a wider focus. The council may wish to look at a model which incorporates an over-arching Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee supported by thematic Scrutiny Committees reflecting priorities including health and wellbeing, education and economic prosperity.	Revised model to be implemented from 2016/17 <p>Immediate changes to be introduced through transition arrangements between January and April 2016.</p>	Report to Council 27 th January 2016 outlining transition arrangements to start immediately and proposals to introduce new model from June 2016.
4	To ensure there is a programme of training and development for scrutiny members to support them in delivering robust scrutiny.	Training and Development opportunities will be sought specifically on the key priorities to be included in the new work programme. <p>For example, the Centre for Public Scrutiny has developed a</p>	Communication with CfPS on appropriate member training programmes has taken place.

		programme aimed at giving Councils' assurance that their scrutiny and broader governance functions are fit for purpose in ensuring the safety of the local children's safeguarding system.	
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