

# MONITORING THE DELIVERY OF AGREED SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with progress in relation to the implementation of agreed scrutiny recommendations from previous policy reviews conducted by the relevant scrutiny committees during 2013/14 and 2014/15 respectively.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of the Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress against the recommendations in relation to all previous policy reviews the scrutiny function has undertaken.
- 2.2 This report outlines progress on the 14 policy reviews undertaken in 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- 2.3 As part of the new scrutiny arrangements, in 2012 the Scrutiny Committee revised the monitoring arrangements in relation to policy reviews whereby only the previous two years worth of recommendations are monitored. Monitoring is done by exception, which in practice means that those recommendations that fall into the blue (not deliverable), amber (on schedule) or red (not on schedule) categories are the only issues considered by the Committee. This is to ensure that the Scrutiny Committee does not become over burdened in its capacity to monitor recommendations.

### 3. Current Position

- 3.1 The recommendations, formerly agreed by Cabinet and partner organisations as part of the various policy reviews, will deliver a range of improvement activity. A full overview of progress is attached at **Appendices A-M**. The table overleaf provides a summary of the number and percentage of actions that have been achieved, are on schedule to be achieved, are not now deliverable, or are not on schedule to be achieved.

Policy Review	Rag Key			
	● Green (achieved)	● Blue (not deliverable)	● Amber (On schedule)	● Red (Not on schedule)
<b>2013/14</b>				
Childhood Obesity	2	0	2	0
Supporting Carers in Sunderland	2	0	1	1
Alcohol and Licensing	8	0	0	0
Diversification of the Local Economy	7	0	0	0
Volunteering	3	0	4	0
Flood Risk Management	5	0	2	0

<b>2014/15</b>				
Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation	0	0	7	0
Cemetery Regulations and the Introduction of a Medical Examiners Service	0	0	7	0
Impact of Welfare Reform on Sunderland	2	0	3	0
Operation of Food Banks in Sunderland	2	0	3	0
Future Proofing of Skills	0	0	4	0
Tackling New Psychoactive Substances	2	1	1	0
Suicide Prevention	2	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>

- 3.2 The Scrutiny Committee may ask the scrutiny lead member with the relevant remit to undertake further work on behalf of the Committee where any issues of concern are highlighted for those recommendations that are in the red, amber, blue categories.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:-

- (a) Notes the progress towards completion of the actions detailed within the Action Plans appended to this report (**Appendices A-M**) and seeks clarification on content where felt appropriate; and
- (b) Where issues of concern are highlighted, agrees to commission the relevant scrutiny lead member to undertake further work and report back to the Scrutiny Committee

#### **5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 Scrutiny Committee papers 2013/14 and 2014/15

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