

**RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09 FOR ORDINARY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS**

The work programme content is aligned to the corporate objectives and Community Strategy themes as outlined in the Council's Corporate Plan 2007-10. Specific areas being considered that link with actions from the corporate plan include :

1. Efficiency gains/Procurement savings;
2. Review of the voluntary and community sector;
3. Darlington-Stockton Partnership.

These are identified within the work programme below.

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>SPECIFIC AREA TO BE CONSIDERED</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>LINK TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
3rd July, 2008	Revenue and Capital Medium-Term Financial Plans – Out-turn Report	To scrutinise the monthly monitoring reports as submitted to Cabinet	Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Hall	Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure council services continuously improve and provide value for money
	Sickness Absence	Six-monthly Update Report	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Lesley Blundell	Enhancing our capacity to improve	Enhancing the health and well being of employees, whilst aiming to reduce overall sickness absence
	2008/09 Service Plans and 2007/08 Year-end performance	To consider the service plans and the year-end	Officers/Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Goodchild	Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure effective monitoring of relevant service plans

		performance that the Committee is responsible for monitoring				
	Combined Service and Financial Performance Report	To monitor the current position	Resources Scrutiny Committee/Cabinet	David Goodchild/ David Hall	Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure council services continuously improve and provide value for money
	Project Management/Capital Process Review	To consider the council's project management arrangements	Officers	Craig Holden	Enhancing our Capacity to Improve	To ensure the Council has sound project management arrangements in place
	Darlington Borough Council's Art Collection	To review the Council's current art collection and its use	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Steve Thompson	Enhancing our Capacity to Improve	To ensure the Arts collection is maximised and to consider future options

Special Meeting – August 2008  (all Members of the Council to be invited)	Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy	Tour and discussion around the Council's Assets	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Guy Metcalf	Shaping a Better Darlington	Ensuring Members are informed of Council assets and to support the Asset Management Strategy and Capital Strategy
18th September, 2008	Prudential Indicators/ Treasury Management Annual Report (submitted to July meeting)  Project Management Task and Finish Review Group	To monitor the work of the Task and Finish Review Group	Officers  Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Hall  Ken Poole	Enhancing our capacity to improve  Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure effective monitoring of Officers' actions  To ensure that capital projects are monitored
13th November, 2008	Service Plans 2nd Quarter Monitoring  Health and Safety Update Report	To consider the service plans that the Committee is responsible for monitoring  Six-monthly update report	Resources Scrutiny Committee  Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Goodchild  Lesley Blundell/ Colin	Enhancing our capacity to improve  Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure effective monitoring of relevant service plans  To minimise risk in relation to Health and Safety

	A Review of Voluntary and Community Sector (Third Sector Strategy)	To monitor the Action Plan	Cabinet	Morrison  Sharon Brown	Ensuring access for all Community Strategy theme: Promoting Inclusive Communities Link to Corporate Plan action: Support community partnerships and voluntary organisations to take the lead in deciding what's best for their communities	To ensure close partnership working and monitor outcomes
	Revenue and Capital Medium-Term Financial Plans – Monitoring Report	To scrutinise the monthly monitoring reports as submitted to Cabinet	Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Hall	Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure council services continuously improve and provide value for money
	Progress report on Efficiency and Value for Money	To monitor progress	Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Hall	Enhancing our capacity to improve <b>Link to Corporate Plan action: Deliver against target savings as set out for</b>	

					<b>Leading Edge projects and procurement targets</b>	
	Use of Consultants		Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Hall	Enhancing our capacity to improve	Assess the financial implications of the use of consultants and ensure value for money
	Admin Review	To monitor progress	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Elaine Taylor	Enhancing our capacity to improve	To monitor and challenge outcomes from the review and ensure a smooth transitional change period
	Darlington and Stockton Partnership	To receive a progress report on the implementation	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Susan Reay	Enhancing our Capacity to Improve	Provide Excellent services Outcome – to examine business case and monitor progress to ensure a smooth transition to the development of new ways of service provision.
	Workforce Profile	To receive information on the current staffing levels within the Authority and areas of responsibility	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Lesley Blundell	Enhancing our Capacity to Improve	To assess staffing levels in conjunction with performance information
15th January,	Treasury	Six-monthly Update	Officers	David Hall	Enhancing our	To ensure effective

2009	Management/Prudential Indicators Half yearly report  Sickness Absence	To receive an update report	Resources Scrutiny Committee	Lesley Blundell	capacity to improve  Enhancing our capacity to improve	monitoring of Officers' actions  Enhancing the health and well being of employees, whilst aiming to reduce overall sickness absence
Special Meeting – February, 2009	Revenue and Capital Medium-Term Financial Plans 2008/09 – 2011/12  Prudential Indicators/Treasury Management Strategy 2008/09	To consider Cabinet's recommendations.	Cabinet  Officers	Cabinet  David Hall	Enhancing our capacity to improve  Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure council services continuously improve and provide value for money  To ensure effective monitoring of officers' actions
12th March, 2009	Revenue and Capital Medium-Term Financial Plans – Monitoring Report  Service and Financial Performance	To scrutinise the monthly monitoring reports as submitted to Cabinet  To scrutinise the service and financial planning reports as submitted to Cabinet	Resources Scrutiny Committee  Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Hall  David Hall/David Goodchild	Enhancing our capacity to improve  Enhancing our capacity to improve	To ensure council services continuously improve and provide value for money  To ensure council services continuously improve and provide value for money

	Combined Service and Financial Performance Report	To monitor the current position	Cabinet/Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Goodchild/ David Hall	Enhancing our Capacity to Improve	
	Service Plans 3rd Quarter Monitoring	To consider the service plans that the Committee is responsible for monitoring	Officers/Resources Scrutiny Committee	David Goodchild	Enhancing our Capacity to Improve	
	Allotments Progress Report	To monitor progress since the Review	Councillor Haszeldine	Rob George/ Gloria Allan	Provide excellent services Community Strategy theme: Improve health and well-being	To monitor improvements to the allotments service
30th April, 2009						

**RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REVIEWS AND TASK AND FINISH REVIEWS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/09**

REVIEW TOPIC	MEMBERSHIP	DATE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE SET	REVIEW TO COMMENCE	REVIEW TO CONCLUDE	FINANCE TO BE ALLOCATED	LEAD OFFICER	LINK TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES
Darlington and Stockton Partnership	Darlington Borough Council - Councillors Haszeldine, Johnson, Richmond and Walker Stockton Borough Council – Councillors Coleman, Womphey, Rix and Mrs O’Donnell	June/July 2007	June/July 2007	To be considered	To be requested as and when required	Brian Boggon	Enhancing our capacity to improve Provide excellent services Link to Corporate Plan action: Finalise the detailed business case in relation to a variety of corporate services being jointly provided with Stockton  <b>Outcome – to examine business case and monitor progress to ensure a smooth transition to the development of new ways of service provision</b>
Climate Change – New Build at North Road Primary School	Councillors I Haszeldine, Lewis, Richmond and Walker	June/July 2008			To be requested as and when required		
Project Management	Councillors Coultas, Haszeldine, Maddison, Johnson, Richmond, Lewis, Francis and Walker	December 2007	January, 2008	February, 2008		Craig Holden	

Access to Services	All Members of Resources Scrutiny Committee						
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