

Brief for Scrutiny

<p>Topic to be Scrutinised</p> <p>Review of Locality Working (Locality Action Partnerships (LAPs) Review) and Development Plan – ‘The Story of Our Place’</p>
<p>Questions to be Addressed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Can the LAPs deliver localism or does more need to be done in terms of locality working? (2) Are the actions in the development plan appropriate? (3) Are the timescales appropriate? (4) Is there anything missing from the development plan? (5) How can LAPs and elected members build community capacity?
<p>Outcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The further development of the LAPs into bodies which can deliver actions which reflect the identified needs of each locality in the Borough. (2) The further development of the LAPs to deliver actions which deliver against the Borough Community Strategy priorities. (3) Improved and enhanced communications for LAPs. (4) A system of locality working which is genuinely local and which reflects all the key elements of each locality to the benefit of that locality. (5) Increased ‘conversations between elected members and their communities.
<p>Background Materials</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Previous studies by the Active & Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on locality working (2008). (2) Cabinet report on Locality Working – February 2010. (3) Review of Locality Action Partnerships – ‘The Story of Our Place’ – Cabinet and Newcastle Partnership Report – July – September 2011. (4) Localism & Decentralisation Bill 2011. (5) Public Sector Reform White Paper (2010). (6) Open Public Services White Paper (2011).
<p>Evidence and Witnesses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) LAPs Chairs and other local community representatives. (2) Partner organisations, including Staffs CC, FARS, Police and Aspire. (3) Third sector representatives. (4) Elected Members.
<p>Method of Scrutiny</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Updates to the Active & Cohesive Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee – review has taken place and the Committee is a key part of overseeing delivery of the recommendations coming out of the review, ensuring that stated deadlines are met and benefits realised. (2) To consider representations from key stakeholders (as outlined above) where relevant and where value is added. (3) Input from elected Members.

<p>Timetable</p> <p>Start Date: 22 August 2011. Dates of Meetings: Updates to meetings of Active and Cohesive Committee in October 2011 and March 2012. Draft Report: 22 August 2011 (initial report, also going to Cabinet on 7 September – so considered by Scrutiny first). Development Plan to Cabinet on 19 October 2011. Final Report: 5 March 2012 (final report on the process of change and updates on the development of locality working in light of ongoing legislative change). Report to Council: 28 March 2012.</p>
<p>Constraints</p> <p>(1) Review has taken place, including detailed activity from key stakeholders – role for scrutiny is not around the review process, rather the implementation of change and the benefits realised from changes to locality working. (2) National legislative framework. (3) Funding.</p>
<p>Members to Undertake the Scrutiny</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Heames Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>
<p>Support</p> <p>Head of Business Improvement & Partnerships Partnerships Manager Partnerships Team Chief Executive</p>
<p>Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority Area(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough ▪ Creating a Borough of opportunity ▪ Creating a healthy and active community ▪ Transforming our Council to achieve excellence
<p>CfPS Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides and critical friend challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers • Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard • Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role • Drives improvement in public services
<p>Brief Approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee</p> <p>Signed: Date:</p>