

**TITLE OF REPORT: Emerging Themes: Development of OSC Work Programmes 2016-17**

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**1. Purpose of the Report**

This report seeks views on the emerging themes for the Council's main Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) work programmes for 2016-17.

**2. Background**

Each year the Council consults its partners on the emerging priority issues for all of its Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes, to assist the Council in identifying the right priority areas to take forward and help shape the focus of specific areas of work. The Board has previously indicated that it may wish to ask Overview and Scrutiny to examine specific issues on its behalf in future work programmes.

Views are being sought from Gateshead Strategic Partnership and other Partnership Boards and feedback to date will be shared at the meeting.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees are due to agree their work programmes for 2016-17 at meetings scheduled at the end of March/ April 2015.

**3. Proposals**

The emerging themes for all OSCs are set out in Appendix 1. These themes are being put forward following consideration of a range of factors including:-

- Vision 2030
- The Council Plan 2015-20
- The Health and Well-Being Strategy for Gateshead
- Relevant Legislation
- Performance Information
- Issues of concern to local people
- Issues highlighted by councillors on Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Public Health Commissioning Priorities
- Clinical Commissioning Group Priorities
- Safer Gateshead Partnership Priorities

- Children Gateshead (the plan for children, young people and families)

#### **4. Recommendation**

The views of the Board are sought on:

- the emerging themes for OSCs for 2016-17
- whether the Board considers there are any additional priority issues it would wish to ask Overview and Scrutiny to include in its work programmes for 2016/17 or future work programmes.

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