

## North East Regional Scrutiny Officer Network Meeting - 24 September 2020

Summary of responses to impact of COVID-19 on scrutiny and democratic processes

	Meetings restarted	Full Council meeting held?	Council diary reset?	Scrutiny meetings restarted	No. of scrutiny meetings held	Work programmes
<b>Darlington</b>	25 June 2020	July 2020 and Sept 2020	Full cycle of scrutiny meetings held	25 June 2020	13 meetings	Initial meetings focused on response to COVID-19, WP back on track. Task & Finish groups expected to start up
<b>Durham</b>	11 June 2020	No	Committee diary reset originally for June and July. Reset in August for Oct - Dec. No timetable for post Xmas	16 June 2020	6 meetings (30 scheduled)	WP reprioritised; agendas slimmed down. Briefings emailed to members rather than reports where possible
<b>Gateshead</b>	6 May 2020	16 July 2020	Agreed in July subject to amendment	7 Sept 2020	4 meetings	Slimmed down agendas - COVID-19 focus. Currently reviewing WP
<b>Hartlepool</b>	June 2020	10 June 2020	Programme of meetings agreed in June.	10 Sept 2020	1 meeting	WP to be considered 1 Oct 2020
<b>Newcastle</b>	17 April 2020	Twice	Committee diary has not been reset	11 June 2020	3 meetings	WP reprioritised to focus on impact of COVID-19
<b>North of Tyne CA</b>	2 June 2020				0	
<b>North Tyneside</b>	26 May 2020	24 Sept 2020	Not reset. Proceeding/cancelling meeting by meeting basis	14 July 2020	4 plus informal meetings	Finance monitoring continuing. WP reset in context of recovery plan.
<b>Redcar and Cleveland</b>	June 2020	Twice AGM 24 Sept	Limited first cycle. Planned schedule now in place	8 June 2020	12 plus 2 Task and Finish groups	Agendas slightly slimmed down. Full cycle of scheduled meetings. Task & Finish work delayed.
<b>South Tyneside</b>	26 May 2020	No	No meetings agreed beyond October	1 Sept 2020	3 meetings plus more scheduled in Oct	WP reset to reflect new challenges. Slimmed down agendas
<b>Stockton</b>	18 June 2020	24 June 2020	All scrutiny meetings reinstated	23 June 2020	15 meetings plus one Task & Finish group	Completion of ongoing reviews prioritised.
<b>Sunderland</b>	6 May 2020	Yes	Full council diary in operation	25 June 2020	All committees have met at least once	Full WPs agreed. Business as usual