



meeting **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Response to Scrutiny Review – Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with an opportunity to consider a response to the recommendations made by the Review of Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 18 February 2008 commissioned a review into the arrangements for safeguarding vulnerable adults in Nottinghamshire which would consider the wider safeguarding remit and determine if policies and procedures reflect the requirements of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. The Select Committee would consider if the mechanisms Nottinghamshire County Council planned and implemented reflected requirements and would identify any future actions needed to improve the care of vulnerable adults. A copy of the report is attached as appendix 1.
3. Recommendations made by the Committee were submitted to the Cabinet on 26 November 2008. Cabinet resolved that the appropriate Cabinet Member attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report Cabinet's response to the recommendations within two months.

Issues

4. Councillor Alan Rhodes, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, will attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 19 January 2009 and provide a response to the recommendations. A written response to each recommendation is attached as appendix 2.
5. Copies of letters sent by the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee to the Independents Safeguarding Authority and their response, Nottinghamshire Police, The Secretary of State for

Health and the Department of Health 'No Secrets' Consultation are included with appendix 2.

6. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may wish to consider whether further action is required with regard to specific recommendations, ensuring that each has been fully addressed.
7. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider if further information will be required to demonstrate the implementation of the recommendations.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
 - i. consider and ask questions about the information provided in the response
 - ii. agrees if a further report is required providing a review of the progress implementing the recommendations.

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Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Background papers: nil.