



meeting **Critical Infrastructure Select Committee**

date **27 October 2008**

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Critical Infrastructure Select Committee

Scope and Draft Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To inform Members of the Select Committee's scope and draft flexible work programme.

Background

2. On 15 September 2008, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a Select Committee to examine issues associated with long term loss of services and utilities in Nottinghamshire linked to weaknesses in the critical infrastructure.

Scope

3. The scope for this review is attached as Appendix A.
4. The objective of the review is to ensure that all potential weaknesses in the critical infrastructure have been identified and mitigated in order to preserve community resilience when very severe events occur.
5. The critical infrastructure can be said to include financial institutions and food supply but his review will focus on utilities, transport and health.
6. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee naturally allows a select committee autonomy in how it conducts its enquiries, maximises the effectiveness of its evidence gathering and plans its work. The scoping document contains details of required information and likely key witnesses to be agreed by this Select Committee rather than Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Work Programme

7. In order to plan this review, the Select Committee may wish to prioritise which individuals and organisations it wants to gather evidence from and decide if they should be seen earlier or later. Arrangements should be kept reasonably flexible since attendance will be dependent on the availability/prior commitments of witnesses. Potential key witnesses are detailed in the scoping document.
8. The dates for future meetings are as follows: 24 November, 15 December, 26 January, 23 February, and 23 March. All meetings due to take place at 10:00 a.m.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that

the Critical Infrastructure Select Committee agree the scope, prioritise the work programme, receive briefing and evidence, and initiate lines of questioning as necessary.

Councillor Yvonne Davidson
Chair of the Select Committee

Background papers: nil.