

APPENDIX 1

Dates of Meeting	Title of Report/Issue	Recommendation(s)	Current Position – April 2005
26 January 2004 27 July 2004 31 January 2005	Consideration of Rural Issues	<p>Agreed that a study group be established to review rural regeneration as detailed in the report.</p> <p>Noted update report.</p> <p>Agreed that final report would be submitted to Committee on 25 April 2005.</p>	A further progress report and position statement from the study group is on the agenda.
26 January 2004 13 December 2004	Public Library Position Statement – 2003 Assessment Outcome Public Library Authorities Conference	<p>Agreed a further report would be provided to Committee outlining action plans to address issues raised in the assessment for the business plans for 2004/2005</p> <p>Noted the report</p>	The assessment of the 2004 position statement concluded that the council was at level 3 (good) on both criteria ie policies and practices and response to the framework for the future. This is an improvement from the overall fair rating in 2003.
26 January 2004 13 December 2004	Post Office Closures	<p>Agreed to establish a study group into post office closures.</p> <p>Noted final report.</p>	<p>Contact officer nominated re future proposed post office closures</p> <p>Regeneration Division exploring the potential of offering assistance to local post offices to improve their viability as small businesses. A sample survey of local post offices to be undertaken as a first step. (Resources for this were approved at Regeneration Support Meeting on 16th Feb 2005.)</p> <p>Regeneration Division more generally exploring support to rural post offices as part of its rural regeneration focus.</p>

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26 January 2004	Annual Review of Scrutiny	Noted that last 18 months work was predominantly progress/information reports from service areas.	
25 April 2005		Noted	N/A
26 January 2004	Cultural Investment in former coalfield areas – supported by objective 2 EU funds	Noted report. Expressed concerns of over-reliance on these funds.	The situation in respect of the Structural Funds continues as reported and there are no developments of substance.
8 November 2004	Structure of European Funding : Implications for County Council	Noted the report and expressed concerns of reliance on these funds for certain programmes longevity.	Work ongoing by services where there is reliance on these funds to attract other funding where feasible.
1 March 2004	Tourism and Country Parks Best Value Reviews	Agreed that a presentation on the Sherwood and Rufford proposals be given to a future meeting.	HLF bid submitted for Rufford. Improvements for Rufford and Sherwood are departmental priorities for 2005/6.
27 July 2004		Noted the intention to submit Stage One bid to Heritage Lottery Fund. Recognised and supported the intention to find a viable and economically sustainable future for the historic building at Rufford Mill. Acknowledged receipt of feasibility study on Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre Relocation. Supported the declared ambition to relocate visitor facilities beyond the National Nature Reserve boundary. Recognised the ambition to generally improve the facilities.	

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1 March 2004	Culture Services Self Assessment 2004	Agreed to set up a reference group to further investigate this matter.	The reference group contributed to the self-assessment and inspection.
8 November 2004	Cultural Services Inspection	Support the proposed improvement plan for cultural services. Agreed that further reports on progress be brought to the Committee.	The Cultural Services inspection concluded that the council provides good services with excellent prospects for improvement.
7 March 2005	Cultural Services Inspection Improvement Plan	Noted update report	Work is in hand within the department on the improvement plan.
1 March 2004	Young Peoples Summer Activities	Noted report	N/A
1 March 2004	Framework for Community Strategy	Agreed that a further update report be given to the Committee. Suggested a change to title of report as Framework Community Strategy considered to be not easily understood	Work is continuing to refresh the community strategy following the community conference held late last year and the subsequent partners' summit.
20 September 2004	Nottinghamshire Community Strategy	Noted progress on each of the themes of the Strategy.	
1 March 2004	Community Safety Inspection	Agreed that an approach to evaluation should be prioritised in the annual action plan	The action plan has been completed. Specific training was provided on monitoring and evaluating community safety initiatives in November/December 2004, highlighting key principles and good practice. Since March 2004 evaluations of major pieces of work have been undertaken including: Young Potential, Beating the Winter Blues, Developing Pupil Safety Skills and the U & S Young Person's Substance Misuse Policy
20 September 2004	Community Safety Update	Noted the report.	
7 March 2005		Noted update report.	

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26 April 2004	Presentation on economic development from Cabinet Member and Director of Culture and Community	Noted report	N/A
26 April 2004	Higher Education Study Group update report	Requested more information on possible other funding partners. Agreed further report on Trent University proposal be provided to future meeting.	Following the meeting with NTU discussions were held with the cabinet member for Regeneration to explore how we might better encourage links with HE in North Notts. Proposals have been developed with both Nottingham universities to deliver their existing programmes on enterprise development in SMEs through our innovation centres. These will be ready for submission to the portfolio holder after the election. Further work is in hand to encourage young people to consider HE and to attract and retain graduates in the North of the county.
8 November 2004	North Nottinghamshire University	Meeting had been postponed. Oral Report.	
13 December 2004	Further Report	Noted report and update of meeting on 2 December 2004. Noted that Higher Education Study Group had met with the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University.	
7 June 2004	Members Visit to Country Parks – 20 May 2004	Noted visits	N/A
7 June 2004	Review of Car Parking Charges at Rufford and Sherwood Forest Country Parks	That current practice of collecting fees continues, remains at £1.50 and a review of Rufford car parking arrangements be carried out when proposed developments had been completed	Endorsed by Cabinet 15.9.04

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7 June 2004	A review of leisure and culture catering service based on a valuation and quality audit	Noted findings of two consultant's reports. Agreed to support the retention of catering service by Leisure and Culture. Noted 64% increase in gross contribution to the County Council by catering service over last 2 years. Requested greater detail of training programme and recommended the use of a mystery shopper.	Training programme submitted as an oral reply on 27 July 2004. Mystery shopper to be commissioned in March 05.
27 July 2004 7 March 2005	The Civil Contingencies Bill : Implications for County Council	Noted report. Agreed that a follow up presentation would be given to a future meeting. Noted report on implications for County Council when Civil Contingencies Act comes into effect on 1 April 2005.	Further report on this agenda
27 July 2004 8 November 2004	DCMS : Culture at the Heart of Regeneration	Agreed that 3 Members would assist officers to prepare a response to the questions raised within the document. Response submitted. Report noted.	Response to consultation document was submitted to DCMS, along with offer to further help. Still awaiting response from DCMS
20 September 2004	Registration Service Ad Hoc Select Committee	Noted the report. Agreed a further report on progress made in preparation for Civil Registration changes following the HM inspectors report in November 2004. Agreed to receive a follow-up report from this committee in April 2005	Many of the improvements identified by the ad hoc review have been implemented. The Regulatory Reform order did not secure parliamentary approval so the proposed civil registration changes are in abeyance. A further report will be brought once the legislative process is clearer,

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20 September 2004	Modernising Rural Delivery – The DEFRA strategy	Agreed to pursue this report through the Rural Strategy Group.	Rural Issues Study Group to incorporate these issues
8 November 2004 13 December 2004	Drugs Scrutiny Seminar 2004-2005 : County Council's prevention of substance misuse strategy Drug Scrutiny Seminars	Noted report. Agreed to ask Chief Inspector Dave Wakelin from the Police to future meeting. Noted report. Sought information to be sent to Members on services available in their area.	4 seminars delivered during 2004/05 with attendance (about 120 in total) from councillors, PCTs, voluntary sector, Court Service, Probation etc. Outcome of widening knowledge and scrutinising drugs work in the County achieved via final report being drafted and used as a consultation tool with participants. Seminars provided good networking opportunities. Discussions with Cllr Bosnjak on second series to include alcohol. Dave Wakelin will be asked to deliver an update on the Sherwood Project in the autumn of 2005.
8 November 2004 13 December 2004	Trading Standards Best Value and Peer Review	Agreed to form a study group on this issue. Noted further update. Agreed that a further update would be provided in 6 months time.	Report on this agenda
13 December 2004	Corporate Safer Communities and Prevention of Substance Misuse Strategies	Noted the report. Agreed that Member input beneficial on local issues "on the ground".	N/A

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13 December 2004 31 January 2005	Youth Offending Service	Noted the report Noted the report	Quarterly reports to YJB indicate steady improvement in overall performance of the YOS.
13 December 2004 31 January 2005	Grant Aid	Noted report updating recommendations made by Grant Aid Select Committee. Agreed a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee. Agreed to report back on recommendations in 6 months time.	Work on web site, electronic availability/submission of forms and transfer of some administration of process to Notts. Connect will be completed by September 2005. Integration with County Community's strategy and infrastructure review on-going. Review of agreements in Social Services will be complete by August 2005. Review of processes in Culture and Community will be complete by July 2005 Work on-going on other recommendations (including pooling of budgets) and a further report is due to this committee in June 2005
31 January 2005	New Tourism Destination Management Partnership, Experience Notts	Agreed to submit proposal to Cabinet that from March 2005, the County Council move to a more formal contract with Experience Notts to better monitor performance and work programme.	End of year 1 report being prepared by Experience. Nottinghamshire for delivery in May 05. Select Committee continues to monitor.
7 March 2005	Adult and Community Learning Service :	Noted report. Agreed to receive another report following the inspection of the ACLS and the ALI Inspection Report.	Work ongoing. Item to be placed on future CS Committee agenda.