

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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Report of the Chair of the Overview Committee

Purpose of the Report

1. This report updates Members on the work of scrutiny and on the implementation of recommendations made in scrutiny reviews, including updates on the work of the three standing committees.

Overview

2. On 24th May Overview will receive briefing on the delivery of the priorities within the Strategic Plan and an update on the achievement of savings by the Improvement Programme.
3. In addition, the Overview Committee has formed a sub-group to examine the issue of shared services.

Standing Committees

Communities & the Environment

4. The Standing Committee continues the review of heritage and conservation in the county. On 23rd May the Standing Committee will receive a detailed briefing on the A46 Ice Age archaeological finds and hear from local groups concerned with conservation issues. It is also anticipated that the Standing Committee will undertake site visits to Creswell Crags and King John's Palace.
5. A review into the seasonally occurring dog deaths in the vicinity of Sherwood Forest commenced in April. The review hopes to ensure that sufficient partnership working is being undertaken by the various agencies addressing this issue. The study group would also like to substantially raise the profile of the dog deaths so that a larger amount of evidence can be gathered and the cause of the problem identified.

Education

6. On 23rd May the Standing Committee will receive briefing on GCSE and Baccalaureate results and the take up of diplomas. In addition, the Standing Committee will also hear an update on the school building programme; as well as learning about the impact of the Behaviour and Attendance Service.
7. The Standing Committee will also receive the final report from the study group looking at Inclusion issues.

Health & Wellbeing

8. On 16th May, the Standing Committee will receive the final report of the 'care to independence' review which examined the transition for children when leaving care. The review considered the practical and emotional support that is available to assist in the transition and the co-operation that exists between local authorities providing social care.
9. The Standing Committee will also examine the Learning Disability and Finance Project and the 'Tiger Teams' set up by NHS Nottinghamshire County to address the issues of obesity and older peoples falls.
10. It is also anticipated that the Standing Committee will undertake a review of changes due to take place to NHS services at Bassetlaw Hospital.

Joint Health

11. The hosting of the Joint Health Committee alternates between the City and County Councils. From June the City Council will be the host for one year and meetings will take place at Loxley House.

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Chair of the Overview Committee