



meeting **County Council**

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## **Scrutiny Annual Review**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report, which has been prepared on behalf of the Select Committees, introduces the County Council to the Annual Review of Scrutiny for 2005-06.

### **Background**

2. The Constitution requires the County Council to consider a report on Scrutiny annually.
3. Throughout April and May 2006 the County Council's Select Committees have reviewed the work they have undertaken during 2005-06. The Annual Review is attached as an Appendix.
4. Each Select Committee will have considered an annual review by 16 May 2006. The Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee and Social Services Select Committee will not have considered the Annual Review before this report is published.
5. The Annual Review is Member driven. At a meeting of the Chairs' Forum on 16 March 2006, the Chairs of Select Committees considered the continuity of scrutiny work to the next municipal year. Members were concerned and wished to ensure that issues prioritised were not unnecessarily lost. The Chairs' Forum recommended that each Select Committee consider a report to review items on the Select Committee's Work Programme.
6. Scrutiny at the County Council is Member led; at the beginning of the municipal year each Select Committee was invited to develop a realistic and flexible work programme for 2005/06. Members were invited to consider why items should be included on a work programme and to prioritise issues of importance.
7. To ensure that scrutiny focuses on key issues, it was recommended that an item for inclusion should satisfy at least one of the following criteria:
  - A service that is performing poorly
  - A service with a high level of dissatisfaction
  - A service with a high level of budgetary commitment

- A service that is a key priority in the Strategic Plan/Community Strategy
  - An external issue that is considered a priority by Members
  - A service that best practice could be learnt from and applied to other services
  - A service considered as important by the community
  - A service or issue identified by Members that is of key interest to the public
8. Issues for Scrutiny that were identified by Members for inclusion in the work programmes, that have not been undertaken during 2005-06 are included as part of the Annual Review. Items that have been started but have yet to be completed are also listed.

### **Recommendation**

9. It is recommended that:

the County Council receive the Annual Review of Scrutiny for 2005-06.

The scrutiny role at Nottinghamshire County Council involves examining or taking a closer look at the decisions, policies, and services of the County Council and those of other organisations and partners. This is carried out by select committees and the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

This Annual Review presents the work of the County Council's Select Committees during 2005-06 and issues identified by Members that could be considered in 2006-07:

- **Community Services Select Committee**
- **Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee**
- **Education and Lifelong Learning Select Committee**
- **Environment and Sustainability Select Committee**
- **Health Select Committee**
- **Social Services Select Committee**

The select committees:

- **examine whether the County Council's Executive (Cabinet) acts in the public interest** - by reviewing Cabinet decisions, holding Cabinet Members to account and through use of 'the call-in procedure' if there is concern about the way in which a decision has been made. Scrutiny acts as a 'critical friend' to the Executive and sometimes to external agencies.
- **impact on the delivery of public services** - by carrying out scrutiny reviews or studies and by careful monitoring of performance. Scrutiny can contribute to reviews of services or policies, or can help in the development of new policies by carrying out their own studies. Select committees are keen to listen to a range of views, including the views of the public.
- **reflect the views and concerns of communities and the public** through an open and transparent process, focusing on issues of community concern and by adopting a community leadership role.

# Nottinghamshire County Council Scrutiny

## Community Services Select Committee Annual Review

### Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Community Services Select Committee as defined by Article 6 – Select Committees of the County Council’s Constitution, are to provide:

An overview of the Council’s effectiveness in respect of

- culture,
- arts,
- libraries,
- youth,
- community regeneration,
- economic development and
- public protection

### Major Area of Work 2005-06

Community Services Select Committee agreed to concentrate on a single major area of work this year:

#### **Crime & Disorder Study**

The Community Services Select Committee undertook a detailed examination of the work of the Crime & Disorder Team, which provides detached youth work with youth offenders or young people who are at risk of offending. The Study Group engaged in extensive discussion with the Crime & Disorder Team. The Study Group received evidence from the Operations Director of Connexions Nottinghamshire and the Assistant Director of the Young People’s Division. The Study Group identified a need for measures of the effectiveness of the various initiatives for which team are responsible to be put in place and recommended that ways be found to raise the professional profile of Youth Workers.

Other work undertaken by the Select Committee is detailed in the attached table.

## Community Services Select Committee Annual Review

### Review of Work 2005-06

Select Committee	Outputs	Further Action
<b>13 June</b>		
<b>Work Programme</b> Scrutiny at the County Council is Member led. Therefore each Select Committee was invited to develop a realistic and flexible work programme for 2005/06. Members considered items for inclusion.	It was agreed that a work programme for the next 12 months would be brought back to the next Committee meeting for agreement.	It was agreed to invite the Portfolio Holder to the next Committee meeting.
<b>18 July</b>		
<b>Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety</b> The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Partnerships gave an insight to Members of the Council's new portfolio.	-	-
<b>Trading Standards Peer Review and Improvement Plan</b> The Committee was updated on the Improvement Plan that had been drawn up following the recent peer review of the Trading Standards Service.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Adult and Community Learning Service Inspection and Improvement Plan</b> The Committee were informed of the outcome of the recent Adult Learning Inspection of the Adult and Community Learning Service and asked questions.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>3 October</b>		
<b>Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety</b> The Cabinet Member for Culture gave a presentation to the Committee on issues affecting his portfolio and the Committee asked questions.	-	-
<b>Scrutiny of Community Safety Initiatives</b> The Committee considered the report on three areas of work.	It was agreed to set up a study group to undertake a review of the Activate Project.	Ongoing.
<b>Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services in Nottinghamshire 2005</b> The Committee considered the report.	The Committee noted the annual performance amount.	It was agreed to receive regular updates on the progress of priorities concerned with Community Services.
<b>Work Programme</b> The Chair informed the Committee of a proposed visit to the Archives Service on 21 November	The work programme was noted.	-
<b>14 November</b>		
<b>Culture and Community Department Performance July to September 2005</b> The Committee considered the report.	The Committee noted the report.	-

<b>Nottinghamshire's Great Library Debate</b> The Committee received a presentation on the Notts Great Library Debate and asked questions.	-	-
<b>Meeting the Needs of Disabled Children: A Strategy to Improve Service Delivery in Culture and Community</b> Members were informed of the Department's strategy and framework for improving services for disabled children and young people, and asked questions.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>19 December</b>		
<b>Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration</b> The Committee received a presentation on the Regeneration portfolio and asked questions.	-	-
<b>Scrutiny of Community Safety Initiatives – Progress Report</b> The Committee considered the report and asked questions.	The Committee noted the report.	It was agreed to defer the Group's final report to 27 March
<b>Adult and Community Learning Service Outcomes 2005</b> The Committee considered the report which concerned progress made to date in addressing the key challenges set following the Adult Learning Inspection of the Adult and Community Learning Service.	The Committee noted the progress report.	-
<b>27 March</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Culture Oral Presentation</b>	-	
<b>Crime and Disorder Study</b>	The Select Committee took evidence from a representative of Connexions	The Select Committee agreed to convene a meeting of the Study Group at the rising of the Select Committee to further discuss the presentation from Connexions.
<b>Work Programme</b>	The Select Committee noted the work programme	-
<b>8 May</b>		
<b>Report from Regeneration Portfolio</b> The Select Committee received a presentation on the regeneration portfolio and asked questions.	-	-
<b>Nottinghamshire Libraries Debate</b>	The Select Committee noted the report	
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder Study Final Report</b>	The Select Committee agreed the Study Group's recommendations.	The Select Committee agreed to pass the final report and its recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.
<b>Scrutiny Annual Review</b>	The Select Committee identified items for possible inclusion in the future work programme for Scrutiny.	-

# Nottinghamshire County Council Scrutiny

## Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee Annual Review

### **Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference for the Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee as defined by Article 6 – Select Committees of the County Council’s Constitution, are to provide:

An overview of the Council’s overall performance and effectiveness; in particular to scrutinise performance in respect of finance and property, information and communications technology and human resources

The Committee will be responsible for scrutiny of the Council’s performance and effectiveness in policies and services which have cross cutting themes and issues external to the County Council which impact on the lives of residents of Nottinghamshire.

### **Major Areas of Work 2005-06**

Major areas of work carried out by the Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee in 2005-06 included:

- A major study of relationships with other Councils in Nottinghamshire – the City Council, Borough and District Councils
- Consideration of the restructuring of the senior officer level of the County Council
- A meeting held specifically to consider the issues of potential police mergers for the East Midlands region – attended by invitees including the Chief Constable and the Chair of the Police Authority
- A study which considered Nottingham East Midlands Airport draft Master Plan.

## Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee Annual Review

### Review of Work 2005-06

Select Committee	Outputs	Further Action
<b>8 June</b>		
<b>Terms of Reference and Annual Review</b> The Select Committee considered the Terms of Reference for 2005/06 and the Annual Review of previous issues considered by the Committee.	The Terms of Reference and Annual Review were noted.	-
<b>Work Programme</b> Scrutiny at the County Council is Member led. Therefore each Select Committee was invited to develop a realistic and flexible work programme for 2005/06. Members considered items for inclusion.	It was agreed that a work programme for the next 12 months would be brought back to the next Committee meeting for agreement.	It was agreed that a review of relationships between Notts County Council and other local authorities in Notts be undertaken over the next 12 months.
<b>12 July</b>		
<b>OPM Consultants' Review of the Council's Senior Officer Structure</b> The Committee received a presentation on the review of the Council's senior officer structure and discussed related issues.	-	-
<b>Plans and Performance – Opportunities for Scrutiny</b> The Committee received a presentation on the range of plans prepared by the Council and how performance was measured and inspected.	-	-
<b>Review of Relationships between Nottinghamshire County Council and other Local Authorities in Notts – Scoping Report</b> The Committee considered the scoping report for the review of relationships.	The Committee agreed the report.	Ongoing item.
<b>Forward Plan and Work Programme</b> Members were invited to consider items for scrutiny inside and outside of the Forward Plan.	Four suggestions were put forward by Members.	Members were encouraged to contact the Chair with any other items for possible inclusion in the Work Programme.
<b>5 October</b>		
<b>Review of Relationships With Other Local Authorities</b> The Committee discussed the report and the responses from other councils to the approach made on behalf of the Committee.	The Committee identified issues for further consideration, including the process of partnerships, adequacy of consultation and co-operation over the decriminalisation of parking enforcement.	Ongoing item.



<p><b>OPM Consultants' Review of the Senior Officer Structure of the County Council</b> The Committee received a presentation on the issue and discussed it.</p>	-	
<b>16 November</b>		
<p><b>Review of Relationships With Other Authorities</b> The Committee listened to the Partnership Manager from the City Council and discussed the issues with him.</p>	Contributions will be taken into account in preparing the Committee's recommendations.	Ongoing item.
<p><b>Six Month Performance Report</b> The Committee discussed the report on 28 Key Performance Indicators.</p>	It was agreed to undertake scrutiny of the measurement of performance indicators, and the preparation of the six monthly report, during the preparation of the next report.	-
<p><b>OPM Consultants' Review of the Senior Officer Structure of the Council</b> The Committee received a presentation from the Leader and Chief Executive and discussed it.</p>	It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet consult on all four options and that the Committee would consider the preferred option in more detail during the next phase of consultation.	-
<p><b>Work Programme</b> It was agreed to note the Work Programme with four additions for future meetings.</p>	-	-
<b>4 January</b>		
<p><b>Review of Relationships With Other Authorities</b> Discussions were held with the Committee and guests from four district councils.</p>	Contributions will be taken into account in preparing the Committee's recommendations.	Ongoing item.
<p><b>Regional Government – Report Back From Cabinet</b> The Committee considered the response and asked questions of the Leader.</p>	It was agreed that the Committee's report should be put forward as part of the Council response to an ODPM inquiry on regional government	-
<p><b>Senior Officer Structure – Response to Leader</b> The Committee noted the response which had been sent to the Leader on the options for the Council's new management structure.</p>	-	-
<p><b>Work Programme</b> Reference was made to an invitation from Gedling Borough Council to attend their Select Committee meeting to tell them</p>		

about the review of relationships. There was also discussion about the benefits of reviewing relationships with parish and town councils at some point.	-	-
<b>16 January</b>		
<b>Call in of Ashfield Area Office/Notts Connect Project – Design Options and Brief</b> The applicants presented their case to the Committee	The decision was not referred back to Cabinet , or referred to Council	However the Committee made a series of recommendations in relation to some of the points which had been made in evidence and in order to improve future decision making which were referred to Cabinet
<b>15 February</b>		
<b>Review of Relationships With Other Local Authorities</b> The Committee received presentations from three district councils and discussed the issues.	Contributions will be taken into account in preparing the Committee’s recommendations.	Ongoing item.
<b>Robin Hood Airport – Response of Cabinet Member</b> The Committee considered the Cabinet Member’s response.	The report was noted.	It was agreed to set up a study group to scrutinise the NEMA ‘Masterplan’
<b>Consultation on the 2006/07 Budget Proposals</b> The Committee discussed the proposals with the Leader and officers	-	-
<b>Equality and Diversity Briefing</b> The Committee received a presentation concerning the requirements of the Equality Act, including Member-specific responsibilities and their role as independent scrutineers.	-	It was mentioned that Members would benefit from regular formal reports.
<b>Proposals for the Senior Management Structure of the Council</b> The Committee considered the Leader’s report.	The report was noted.	-
<b>Work Programme</b> The Committee noted that there was ongoing debate about Home Office options around amalgamation of Police Authorities.	It was agreed that the Committee would extend an invitation to the Chief Constable and the Chair of the Police Authority to attend a special additional Committee meeting to discuss the issue.	-
<b>22 March</b>		
<b>Equality and Diversity</b> Discussion of the last meeting’s briefing took place (there had not been time at the last meeting).	Maggie Else, Equalities Officer, encouraged Members to contact her if need be.	-
<b>Review of Relationships With Other Local Authorities</b> The Committee heard from speakers from two districts and		

representatives from two others. The Committee discussed the issues with them.	Contributions will be taken into account in preparing the Committee's recommendations.	Ongoing item.
<b>Re-organisation of Police Forces</b> The Chair referred to the extra meeting of the Committee on 3 April and invited districts to be represented at the meeting.	-	-
<b>Nottingham East Midlands Airport (NEMA) Study Group</b> The Chair reminded members that the study group would be meeting over a short period of time in order to respond to the NEMA 'Masterplan' consultation by 14 May.	-	Study visit to NEMA planned for 6 April for Members of both this Committee's study group and some members of the Environment and Sustainability Select Committee.
<b>3 April</b>		
<b>Reorganisation of Police Forces</b> The Committee heard from the Chief Constable and Notts Police Authority regarding the background of police mergers and the current situation.	It was agreed to send a response from the Committee to the Home Secretary immediately.	Letter sent to Home Secretary
<b>26 April</b>		
<b>Nottingham East Midlands Airport</b> The Select Committee will consider the findings from the study group on the Airport's draft Master Plan with the intention of sending recommendations to Council Cabinet		Recommendations were agreed from this study and referred to Council Cabinet
<b>10 May</b>		
<b>Relationships with other Councils in Nottinghamshire</b> The Select Committee will debate a draft report, with the intention of arriving at conclusions and recommendations to send to Council Cabinet		

# Nottinghamshire County Council

## Scrutiny

### Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee Annual Review

#### Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee as defined by Article 6 – Select Committees of the County Council’s Constitution, are to provide:

- An overview of the Council’s functions and performance as a Local Education Authority.

#### Major Areas of Work 2005-06

Major areas of work for the Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee in 2005-06 have included:

- Children Act
- Education Development Plan – Attainment and Targets
- Appointment and Retention of Governors
- Building Schools for the Future programme

##### Children Act (Study Group)

The Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee agreed to undertake a review to assess Nottinghamshire schools’ progress in understanding and implementing the requirements of the Children Act and its associated policies. The Children Act Study Group was formed and spent 6 months visiting schools, hearing from headteachers and interviewing officers from the LEA.

The report found that in general schools were well informed of their responsibilities and had in the main commenced establishing partnerships with social services agencies and in providing extended services for pupils. A number of practical problems were occurring though that required action on behalf of schools by the LEA. Its report is scheduled to be tabled on 25 April 2006.

##### EDP – Attainment and Targets (Study Group)

The Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee agreed to undertake a review into attainment and target levels within Nottinghamshire schools at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Data showed that from 2001-2004 Nottinghamshire, on average, had been ranked against its 10 statistical neighbours approximately 7<sup>th</sup> in English at Key Stage 2, 6<sup>th</sup> in Maths at Key Stage 2 and 5<sup>th</sup> in science at Key Stage 2. They went on to reveal however, that at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Nottinghamshire ranked bottom (11<sup>th</sup>) across all disciplines.

The EDP – Attainment and Targets Study Group was formed and spent 6 months visiting schools across Nottinghamshire. It also undertook visits to its statistical neighbours

Derbyshire (2 schools) and to Durham (2 schools) to compare and contrast its findings from county schools.

The review found that other counties appeared to have a very positive attitude towards education that was not evident in Nottinghamshire. In the main the LEA were seen as having a negative ethos steeped in the historical problems surrounding the coalfield areas. Many of our statistical neighbours also had coalfields yet were outperforming this county’s schools by some margin. The Study Group suggested some crucial changes that needed to be made and some future action for the LEA to undertake in co-operation with schools in an effort to lift attainment.

### **Appointment and Retention of Governors**

The Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee considered a report detailing the problems associated with filling Governor vacancies. Vacancy rates were 10% for parent governors and around 16% for community governors. This was viewed as being a direct result on the increasing amount of responsibilities being placed upon these voluntary positions and the escalating complexity of the positions. It was estimated that 30% of all vacancies are still unfilled 6 months after advertisement.

The Committee agreed to give its Members the opportunity to participate in the School Governance Consultative Group's review into the problem and that a report back would be give to the Committee in the near future.

### **Building Schools for the Future programme**

The Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee considered the national government's latest "wave" of capital investment for schools. Like most shire counties, Nottinghamshire had yet to be included in the programme. The next rollout was anticipated to be announced later in 2006 and Nottinghamshire schools, particularly through the Newark and Mansfield areas were included.

As part of this funding 50% was to be spent on new builds, 35% of remodelling and 15% on refurbishment. The Select Committee welcomed the report and hoped that the promise funding and its timelines would be upheld. In addition the Select Committee noted that Bassetlaw schools had entered into a joint PFI agreement to undertake a capital funding programme for that district and therefore had been removed from the BSF programme.

## Education and Lifelong Learning Select Committee Annual Review

### Review of Work 2005-06

Select Committee	Outputs	Further Action
<b>28 June</b>		
<b>Call-in of Decision ED/2005/00042</b> Consideration was given on the call-in request of the above delegated decision.	The Committee decided that the decision was not capable of being called-in.	-
<b>Terms of Reference and Annual Review</b> The Select Committee considered the Terms of Reference for 2005/06 and the services and strategic priorities that were encompassed within them.	The Terms of Reference and Annual Review were noted.	-
<b>Work Programme</b> Scrutiny at the County Council is Member led. Therefore each Select Committee was invited to develop a realistic and flexible work programme for 2005/06. Members considered items for inclusion.	It was agreed that a work programme for the next 12 months would be brought back to the next Committee meeting for agreement.	Ongoing item.
<b>18 October</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Education's Report</b> The Committee discussed the report.	The Cabinet Member's report was noted.	-
<b>Education Development Plan (EDP) for Nottinghamshire: Progress Report on 2004/05 Actions and Activities for 2005/06</b> The Committee discussed the report which highlighted the areas of best and worst performance in Nottinghamshire schools and actions being taken.	The EDP annual evaluation was noted.	-
<b>Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services in Nottinghamshire 2005</b> The report was introduced on the County's first annual performance assessment prepared under the Children Act 2004.	The Committee noted the report.	Request for regular updates on progress.
<b>Work Programme</b> The future work programme was discussed.	It was agreed to establish two study groups, one to look at the EDP and the other to look at the Children Act.	-
<b>18 October</b>		
<b>Review of Pupil and School Performance in Former Nottinghamshire Coalfields – Feedback from Cabinet Member for Education</b> The Cabinet Member answered questions and comments on his response to the review which had been carried out by the Select Committee in 2004/05.	It was agreed to note the report and take account of the information provided when considering future reports on pupil	-

	performance in Nottinghamshire.	
<p><b>Review of Dissemination of Good Practice in the Nottinghamshire Education Service</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the report which provided the Cabinet Member's response to the recommendations of the Review of Dissemination of Good Practice which had been carried out during 2004/05.</p>	The Committee noted the report.	-
<p><b>Performance of Nottinghamshire Schools Compared with Statistical Neighbours</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the performance of Nottinghamshire schools with that of its statistical neighbours.</p>	The Committee agreed to pursue the scrutiny of standards through the Scrutiny Group on the EDP. It also agreed to consider further scrutiny of the transition from primary to secondary education and to provide further information on good practice and training.	Ongoing.
<b>6 December</b>		
<p><b>Grade Boundaries for GCSE Examinations</b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report which gave information on grade boundaries at GCSE and how the performance of Nottinghamshire pupils related to these.</p>	The Committee noted the report.	-
<p><b>Appointment and Retention of Governors</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the report on the appointment and retention of local authority governors. Attention was drawn especially to the review being undertaken by the Governance Consultative Group.</p>	It was agreed that Committee members be given the opportunity to participate in the review being carried out by the School Governance Consultative Group.	Interim report to be presented on 07/03/06.
<p><b>Children Act Study Group</b></p> <p>Oral report of the two meetings so far and of the Group's Terms of Reference.</p>	-	Ongoing.
<b>24 January</b>		
<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education's Report</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member presented his report.</p>	The Cabinet Member's report was noted. He invited Members to join a visit to extended schools on 27/02/06.	-
<p><b>New School Funding Arrangements</b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report.</p>	The Committee noted the report.	Education Dept. officer to answer questions in writing due to absence from the meeting.
<p><b>School Transport and Safety Progress Report</b></p> <p>The report updated Members on a number of matters relating to school transport and safety. The Committee discussed the report and asked questions.</p>	The Committee noted the report.	-
<p><b>Children Act Study Group</b></p> <p>Oral report on two further meetings.</p>		Plans to visit four schools as well as

	-	Speak to officers and headteachers.
<b>EDP Attainments and Targets Study Group</b> Oral feedback on the three meetings so far.	-	Plans to visit schools in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and County Durham.
<b>7 March</b>		
<b>Building Schools for the Future (BSF)</b> The committee discussed the BSF initiative.	The Committee noted the report.	It was anticipated that BSF would be a topic for further scrutiny under the new arrangements.
<b>Exclusions from School and Pupils Behaviour and their Impact on Pupil Achievement</b> The Committee considered the report and asked questions.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Children Act Study Group</b> The study group reported back on the visits to four Notts schools.	-	The Group's recommendations are to be presented to the Committee on 25 April.
<b>EDP Attainment and Targets Study Group</b> The Study Group reported back on its visits to two Derbyshire schools and four Notts schools.	-	The Group's recommendations are to be presented to the Committee on 25 April. A study visit to County Durham is also planned.
<b>25 April</b>		
<b>Education and Inspections Bill</b> The report outlines the main provisions of the Bill which is a follow up to the Schools White Paper	-	
<b>Children Act Study Group</b> The study group presented its final report	The Select Committee agreed the final report of the Study Group.	The report is to be referred to the Cabinet
<b>EDP Attainment and Targets Study Group</b> The study group presented its final report	The Select Committee agreed the final report of the Study Group.	The report is to be referred to the Cabinet



# Nottinghamshire County Council Scrutiny

## Environment and Sustainability Select Committee Annual Review

### Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Environment & Sustainability Select Committee as defined by Article 6 – Select Committees of the County Council’s Constitution, are to provide:

An overview of the Council’s performance on environmental protection and sustainability including

- planning,
- transport,
- rights of way,
- engineering and building,
- waste disposal and
- direct service organisations.

### Major Areas of Work 2005-06

In order to ensure the involvement of the maximum number of Members, this Select Committee has dealt with most of its work within Select Committee meetings themselves rather than by way of Study Groups. Major areas of work undertaken by the Environment and Sustainability Select Committee in 2005-06 have included:

- River Trent Flood Risk Management
- School Travel Plans
- Performance of Central Networks in relation to Street Lighting

#### River Trent Flood Risk Management

The Environment and Sustainability Select Committee considered a presentation from the Environment Agency on Flood Risk Strategy and engaged in detailed questioning of Environment Agency representatives. The Select Committee also decided to further question the Environment Agency on Development Control since the Select Committee felt that too much development was taking place on flood plains.

#### School Travel Plans

The Select Committee set up a Joint Steering Group to monitor and oversee the progress of the Government’s “Travelling to School Initiative.” The Steering Group’s work is ongoing and continues to monitor progress on the various initiatives which include, “Walking Bus” schemes and “National Walk to School Week.”

#### Performance of Energy Services/Central Networks in Relation to Street Lighting

The Select Committee undertook to receive quarterly performance reports from Central Networks who are responsible for 97% of Nottinghamshire’s street lights. The Select Committee has examined such performance data carefully and recently met with representatives of Energy

Services in order highlight the shortcomings in their performance and suggest means of service improvement e.g. through better co-ordination.

The Select Committee has also completed work in the following areas:

**General**

- Review of the Building Better Communities (BBC) Programme

**Highways**

- BV Review of Highways Services Implementation
- Condition of Roads
- Traffic Calming Study (response from Cabinet)

**Waste Management**

- Household Waste Arisings

**Sustainability**

- Nottinghamshire County Council's Policy on Sustainability
- NEMA Masterplan (Members of the Select Committee took part in a joint study visit to Nottingham East Midlands Airport in association with the Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee).

The Select Committee also has an ongoing role to comment on, maintain an overview or monitor the following work topics:

**Transportation**

- Concessionary Fares – to monitor the implementation of the interim scheme

**Highways**

- Review of Road Accident Reductions in Nottinghamshire – overview of policy and work
- Decriminalisation of Parking/Residents' Parking – monitor progress

**Rights of Way**

- Policy for Motorised Vehicle Use on the Rights of Way Network – for comment
- Modification Orders – information and review

**Sustainability**

- Woodheat Programme – to monitor progress

**Planned Work**

The Select Committee has agreed to undertake a review of Carbon Management and initiated a sub-group on the Minerals and Waste Development framework.

## Environment and Sustainability Select Committee Annual Review

### Review of Work 2005-06

Select Committee	Outputs	Further Action
<b>4 July</b>		
<b>Terms of Reference and Annual Review</b> The report set out the strategic priorities for the previous committee and its previous scrutiny activity.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Cabinet Member for Environment's Report</b> The Portfolio Holder introduced her report and answered questions from the Committee.	The Committee noted the report.	It was agreed to provide further information to Members about the Traffic Management Act 2004.
<b>Work Programme</b> Scrutiny at the County Council is Member led. Therefore each Select Committee was invited to develop a realistic and flexible work programme for 2005/06. Members considered items for inclusion.	It was agreed that a work programme for the next 12 months would be brought back to the next Committee meeting for agreement.	Ongoing item.
<b>Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – Progress Report</b> The Committee considered the report on the progress being made on decriminalised parking enforcement.	The Committee noted the report.	Ongoing item.
<b>School Travel Plans – Progress Report</b> The Committee considered the report on progress under the strategy for School Travel Plans.	The Committee noted the report and a steering group was set up.	It was agreed to have a presentation on School Travel Plans at the next Committee meeting.
<b>19 September</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Environment's Report</b>	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>School Travel Plans</b> The Committee received a presentation on School Travel Plans and asked questions.	-	-
<b>River Trent Flood Risk Management</b> The Committee considered a report concerning the Environment Agency's Flood Management Proposals for the tidal and fluvial stretches of the River Trent.	It was agreed that the comments expressed in the Committee, along with those in the report, form the basis of the County Council's response.	It was agreed to invite the Environment Agency to answer questions at the next Committee meeting.
<b>Traffic Management Act</b> The Committee considered the report which outlined the implications for the County Council of the Act.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Replacement Minerals Local Plan – Response to Consultation on Schedule of Proposed Modifications</b> The Committee discussed the response.	-	-
<b>Update on Nottinghamshire Woodheat Programme</b> The Committee discussed the programme and asked		

questions.	-	-
<b>Work Programme</b> It was agreed to scrutinise the Concessionary Fares Scheme as soon as possible.	The work programme was noted.	Ongoing item.
<b>31 October</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Environment's Report</b> The Portfolio Holder introduced her report and answered questions from the Committee.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Building Sustainability into the Work of the County Council</b> The Committee considered the report.	It was agreed that the views of the Committee be incorporated into the policy presented to County Council for approval on 01/12/05, and the Committee undertake a view of carbon management.	-
<b>Waste Arisings</b> The Committee received a presentation on the Council's performance in processing waste arisings.	-	-
<b>Progress on the PFI Waste Contract</b> The Committee discussed the report and asked questions.	-	-

<p><b>Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement – Pre-Submission Draft</b></p> <p>The contents and approach used to prepare the pre-submission draft on the statement of community involvement was supported.</p>	<p>It was agreed to establish a working group of Members to be consulted on the preparation of future development plans and other relevant documents in the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.</p>	<p>Ongoing item.</p>
<p><b>Performance of Central Networks in Relation to Street Lighting</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the report.</p>	<p>It was agreed to carry out a matching exercise to match Central Network’s records with the County Council’s.</p>	<p>The Committee to receive regular reports on Central Network’s performance.</p>
<p><b>Rights of Ways Issues in Nottinghamshire</b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report and asked questions.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p>	<p>It was agreed that a further report be presented to the Committee on 30/01/06.</p>
<p><b>12 December</b></p>		
<p><b>Cabinet Member for Environment’s Report</b></p> <p>The Portfolio Holder introduced her report and answered questions from the Committee.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p><b>Traffic Calming Study Group – Response of the Cabinet Member to the Final Report</b></p> <p>The report gave the Cabinet Member’s response to the recommendations of the Traffic Calming Study Group and summarised the debate which had taken place at Cabinet.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p>	<p>It was agreed to receive further reports on the outcome of the national review of safety cameras and on the interactive warning signs in Burton Joyce.</p>
<p><b>Condition of Roads in Nottinghamshire</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the report.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the report on the repairs programme be submitted to the 7 district Member Forums with a further report to the Select Committee if common themes emerged.</p>
<p><b>Concessionary Fares</b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report and asked questions.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p>	<p>-</p>

<b>Review of Carbon Management</b> The Committee considered the report.	The timetable for the review of carbon management was agreed.	-
<b>30 January</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Environment's Report</b> The Portfolio Holder introduced her report and answered questions from the Committee.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Cabinet Member for Resources Report to January 2006</b> The Portfolio Holder introduced his report and answered questions from the Committee.	The Committee noted the report.	It was agreed to have a detailed report on school meals at a future meeting.
<b>Flood Risk Management Strategy</b> The Environment Agency gave a presentation to the Select Committee on flood risk management strategy for the river Trent.	The Committee asked questions of the Environment Agency representatives.	It was agreed to ask for a representative of the Development Control Section at the Environment Agency to a future meeting.
<b>Building Better Communities Initiative 2005-06 and 2006-07 Update</b> The Committee discussed the scheme.	-	-
<b>Highways Partnerships</b>	The latest position on highway partnerships was noted.	-
<b>Decriminalised Parking Enforcement 2005 Year End Progress Report</b>	The latest developments associated with the decriminalised parking enforcement project were noted.	-
<b>Regional Funding Allocations for Transport</b>	The outcome of the process to determine regional transport funding priorities was noted.	-
<b>UK Climate Change Adaptation Policy Framework – Response to the Consultation by DEFRA</b>	The proposed response to the government's consultation over a UK climate change adaptation policy framework was approved.	-
<b>Definitive Map Modification Orders</b> The Committee considered the presentation from the Environment Department.	-	-
<b>Policy for the Management of Motorised Vehicle Use on Public Rights of Way in the Countryside</b>	The policy framework was noted.	-
<b>Countryside Access Conference – 25/11/05</b>	The summary of the main themes of the conference was noted.	-
<b>13 March</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Environment's Report</b>		

Members commented on items in the report.	The Committee noted the report.	-
<b>Performance of Energy Services in Relation to Street Lighting</b> The Committee questioned representatives from Energy Services.	-	-
<b>Nottingham East Midlands Airport Masterplan</b> The Committee discussed the report and asked questions.	The Committee noted the report.	There will be a study trip to NEMA on 6 April.
<b>Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement</b> The Committee was reminded of the Authority’s need to produce two separate framework documents.	-	Ongoing item.
<b>Work Programme</b> Amendments to the work programme were suggested.	The work programme was approved, subject to the suggested amendments.	-
<b>24 April</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability’s Report for March 2006</b> The Select Committee received a presentation from the Portfolio Holder and asked questions.	-	-
<b>Flooding and Development Control</b> The Select Committee received a presentation from the Environment Agency and asked questions.	-	-
<b>School Travel Plans</b>	The Select Committee noted the report	The Select Committee agreed to send a letter congratulating the department on the success of the various schemes.
<b>Review of Road Accident Reductions in Nottinghamshire</b>	The Select Committee noted the report	The Select Committee recommended that the criteria for the installation of interactive speed signs be varied in such a way that where those requesting signs can fully fund them they should not be unreasonably refused.

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## Health Select Committee Annual Review

### Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Health Select Committee as defined by Article 6 – Select Committees of the County Council’s Constitution, are to:

“discharge the Council's responsibilities under the Health and Social Care Act 2001

- to review and scrutinise, matters relating to the health service in the authority's area and to make reports and recommendations on such matters in accordance with the regulations.”

The Health Select Committee must be consulted by NHS bodies on proposals for ‘substantial’ changes to services. If the Committee deems the consultation to be inadequate or the proposed changes are not in the public interest the matter may be referred to the Secretary of State for further consideration.

### Major Areas of Work 2005-06

Major areas of work for the Health Select Committee in 2005-06 have included:

- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
- Healthcare Commission – Annual Health Checks
- PCT Restructuring
- Food in Hospitals
- Food Exercise and Diet in Schools (FEDS)
- Sherwood Forest NHS Trust foundation status application

#### **Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)**

The Health Select Committee considered responses to the 2004-05 study of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) from:

- The Minister for State, the Rt. Hon. Jane Kennedy MP
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust
- Queens Medical Centre, University Hospital NHS Trust
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Ashfield and Mansfield, Gedling and Rushcliffe PCTs
- Councillor Dick Anthony, Cabinet Member for Social Services

The Select Committee established a new Study Group to:

- consider the responses of hospital Trusts to the 2004-05 report;
- work in partnership with the PPI Forum, to inspect facilities identifying both good and bad practice; and to
- consult with other hospitals around the UK and Europe regarding different ways of combating MRSA within a hospital environment



### **Sherwood Forest NHS Trust foundation status application**

The Health Select Committee considered issues arising from the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust's application for foundation status. The Select Committee raised issues of concern with the Trust's management and nominated a Member to be appointed to the Trust's project board. The Select Committee also considered the performance of the Trust.

### **Healthcare Commission – Annual Health Checks**

The Health Select Committee has reviewed the Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check declarations of the following NHS Trusts and provided comments on each Health Check:

- Ashfield & Mansfield PCTs
- Bassetlaw PCT
- Broxtowe & Hucknall PCT
- Gedling PCT
- Newark and Sherwood PCT
- Rushcliffe PCT
- Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals Foundation Trust
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust

The Select Committee approached the process in partnership with district councils, with each supplying local comments and the Select Committee providing a strategic analysis.

### **Food in Hospitals**

The Health Select Committee agreed to seek the public's views on good and bad practice for hospital food within the County. The public consultation is to focus on the care provided in relation to feeding, the quality of food and the appropriateness of the food provided. The Select Committee are seeking to identify whether there are any issues that need addressing.

### **PCT Restructuring**

In response to proposals from the Department of Health's "Commissioning A Patient-Led NHS" instructing SHAs to "reconsider the optimal configuration of PCTs" the Select Committee established a Study Group to:

- consider how the restructuring proposals address health inequalities across Nottinghamshire.
- consider how the restructuring proposals provide a local focus for primary care in Nottinghamshire
- consider how services will be delivered after the restructuring.

The Study Group provided the Select Committee with detailed comments to form a response to the consultation and the findings of the Select Committee were considered as part of the County Council's formal response to consultation.

### **Food Exercise and Diet in Schools (FEDS)**

The Health Select Committee has considered responses to its 2004-05 work around Food, Exercise and Diet in Schools, which has been highlighted by the European Economic and Social Committee. Funding was secured from GO-EM for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the project and a consultation with schools was been conducted through March and April.

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### Review of Work 2005-06

Select Committee	Outputs	Further Action
<b>11 July</b>		
<p><b>Annual Report</b> The Select Committee considered the Terms of Reference for 2005/06 and the services and strategic priorities that were encompassed within them.</p>	Members aware of the responsibilities of the Health Select Committee.	-
<p><b>Work Programme</b> Scrutiny at the County Council is Member led; therefore each Select Committee was invited to develop a realistic and flexible work programme for 2005/06. Members considered why an item is being included on a work programme and prioritised issues of importance.</p>	It was agreed that a work programme for the next 12 months would be brought back to the next Committee meeting for agreement.	-
<p><b>FEDS - future directions</b> The Health Select Committee agreed in May 2004 to set up a study group to investigate the issues involved with diet and exercise in schools focusing on childhood obesity. The project became the Food, Exercise and Diet in Schools (FEDS) project. Members considered the future of this project</p>	It was agreed that this project continue.	-
<p><b>MRSA – responses to study</b> Consideration was given to the responses received to the study into MRSA. It was agreed to await the remaining responses before deciding what further work on the issue of MRSA should be undertaken.</p>	It was agreed that this study continue to be in the work programme pending receipt of responses.	-
<p><b>Teenage Pregnancies – Cabinet Portfolio Holder’s Response</b> Consideration was given to the Cabinet’s response to the report from the Teenage Pregnancy Study Group. The Assistant Director, Young People’s Division and Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator attended. The Select Committee also considered feedback from the Department for Education and Skills on the Authority’s annual report and updated action plan indicating that the County were doing very well and was ahead of targets. A decrease in under 18 conception rates of 17.3% had been achieved since 1998.</p>	It was agreed to receive an update on progress with the Teenage Pregnancy strategy.	update on progress with the Teenage Pregnancy strategy.
<p><b>Sherwood Forest NHS Trust – Appointment of Project Board Member</b> The Health Select Committee received a request for County</p>	It was suggested that Councillor John Allin represent the County	-

Council representation on the foundation trust application project board.	Council on the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust Project Board and that the matter be referred to the Administration Committee for approval.	
<b>27 September</b>		
<p><b>Payment by Results</b> This report provided Members with some background information relating to payment by results including some of the research into the likely impacts. The system seeks to transform the way hospitals are funded. Currently PCTs pay providers for procedures and treatment at a locally determined rate under a block contract. Payment by results ends this practice by introducing a standardised price for healthcare across the UK which will be paid to hospitals on a case by case basis.</p>	The Select Committee identified issues for consideration by the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	-
<p><b>Healthcare Commission Annual Check</b> Members considered the impact that the introduction of the annual health checks for NHS Trusts could have on the work of the Committee and how to use the process.</p>	The Health Select Committee chose not to comment on draft declarations but set out a process for commenting on final declaration, enlisting the assistance of the relevant district councils.	-
<p><b>Consultation – burns injuries</b> The Health Select Committee considered a letter from the Chief Executive of Kent and Medway SHA (appendix A), which proposed a consultation project regarding improving the health outcomes for people with the most complex burn injuries in Britain.</p>	The Health Select Committee agreed not to be involved in the consultation process at the present time but that they should keep a watching brief.	Watching brief update required
<p><b>MRSA - Responses</b> Further responses had been received to the previous study into MRSA</p>	The Health Select Committee noted that there had been some excellent responses from the Acute Trusts. It was agreed that a further report be requested from the Cabinet Member on what action was actually being taken by Social Services to address the issue. The Health Select Committee agreed to establish a further study to consider how recommendations had been implemented	-
<p><b>QMC/City Hospital merger</b> The Health Select Committee considered the proposals to merge the Nottingham City Hospital NHS Trust and Queen’s Medical Centre University Hospital NHS Trust.</p>	The Health Select Committee’s comments were included in a response to consultation from the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.	-
<p><b>PCT re-structure introduction</b> The Health Select Committee considered the timetable for proposed changes to the structuring of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in Nottinghamshire.</p>	The Health Select Committee had concerns over the proposals and the process that had been followed in selecting the three two options. It was agreed that a letter be sent to local MPs about this issue.	-

	The Health Select Committee established a Study Group.	
<b>8 November</b>		
<b>Sherwood Forest NHS Trust foundation status application</b> The Chief Executive and Chairman of the Acute Trust attended the meeting to brief the Select Committee on the status of the Trust's Foundation status application.	The Select Committee identified areas of concern	-
<b>PCT re-structure</b> The Chief Executive of Ashfield and Mansfield Primary Care Trusts who had chaired the steering group established by Nottingham/Nottinghamshire PCTs to develop and evaluate proposals for re-structuring and was also the project director of Trent Strategic Health Authority's re-structuring group attended the meeting.	The Health Select Committee collected evidence for its Study into PCT Restructuring and highlighted areas of concern.	-
<b>FEDS - Cabinet Members response</b> Councillor Storey, the Cabinet Member for Education was requested to respond to the Select Committee's report	Councillor Storey, the Cabinet Member for Education stated that the report had gone to Cabinet and a response was to be made in due course. He pointed out that there were budgetary implications. He added that he was not able to give an indication of when a response would be available.	Cabinet response still outstanding  2 <sup>nd</sup> Survey in progress
<b>Health select Committee Membership</b> The Health Select Committee considered issues around voting rights for co-opted members and the resignation of Gail Maxfield.	The Health Select Committee agreed to send a report to County Council recommending that co-opted members be allowed to vote on Scrutiny matters. The Select Committee thanked Gail Maxfield for her contribution to the Select Committee and considered how to strengthen relationships with the Patient Involvement Forums	Report to County Council
<b>13 December</b>		
<b>Centralisation of services into South Yorkshire – report from Bassetlaw PCT and Bassetlaw DC</b> The Select Committee received a report from Bassetlaw District Council on the centralisation of cancer services in South Yorkshire which had been delegated to the District Council to scrutinise.	The Select Committee indicated to NORCOM, Bassetlaw Hospitals Trust, Bassetlaw PCT and local MPs that they supported the Acute Trust in its aspiration for better services but expressed concern that there was no public consultation on the proposed changes and no evidence that the infrastructure would be there for the benefit of the people of Nottinghamshire.	-
<b>Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust Annual Health Check</b> The Select Committee considered the performance of the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust and its compliance with the standards of the Healthcare Commission's Annual Health Check.	The Select Committee sought further clarification regarding standard C4b. The Select Committee and Patient and Public Involvement Forum recommended a satellite GUM service be provided in Newark.  An Annual Health Check Study Group was established to consider	-

	the annual health checks of Primary Care Trusts where district/borough councils declined the invitation from the Select Committee to consider them.	
<b>LIFT programme</b> The Select Committee considered the progress of the LIFT programme in Nottinghamshire.	The Select Committee highlighted concerns with delays to the Keyworth Centre.	It was agreed to have a report on the situation with the Keyworth Health Centre.
<b>Study Groups update reports</b> The Select Committee considered progress reports from the MRSA and PCT Restructuring Study Groups.	The terms of reference of the MRSA Study Group were agreed.	-
<b>Work Programme (including update from Joint Health Committee)</b>		
<b>7 February</b>		
<b>Healthcare Commission Annual Health Check – responses from Districts</b>	The Select Committee agreed a draft strategic comment and draft comments for each PCT to be sent to PCTs for consultation.	-
<b>Study Groups update reports - PCT Restructuring</b>	The work of the Select Committee was considered as part of a Member seminar and by the County Council when composing a formal response to the consultation.	Ongoing Study, on hold pending consultation results.
<b>Study Groups update reports - MRSA</b> The Select Committee considered a progress report from the MRSA Study Group.	-	-
<b>Work Programme – including update on work of Joint Health and possible study into Food in Hospitals</b> The Select Committee considered changes to the work programme.	The work programme was updated to include an item on food in hospitals..	-
<b>21 March</b>		
<b>Healthcare Commission Annual Check – final comments</b> The Select Committee reviewed the draft comments for Annual Health Checks considering comments received from the consultation with PCTs/Acute Trusts.	The Select Committee agreed comments for the Annual Health Checks of PCTs and Acute Trusts.	-
<b>NICE</b> The Select Committee considered the impact of NICE Guidance on the provision of treatment in Nottinghamshire.	The Select Committee sought further information.	-
<b>Food in Hospitals</b> The Select Committee considered the suggested review of Food in Hospitals in Nottinghamshire.	The Health Select Committee agreed to seek the public's views on good and bad practice for hospital food within the County through	Consultation in progress.

	consultation focusing on the care provided in relation to feeding, the quality of food and the appropriateness of the food provided.	
<b>MRSA Study Group</b> The Select Committee received an update on the progress of the MRSA Study Group.	The Select Committee agreed to receive the Study Group's final report at the next meeting.	-
<b>Work Programme</b> The Select Committee considered changes to the work programme.	The work programme was updated to include an item on dentistry.	-
<b>2 May</b>		
<b>Dentistry</b> The Select Committee considered the availability of NHS Dentists in Nottinghamshire and the implications of new contracts on the provision of NHS Dentistry within the County.	The Select Committee identified a range of issues that required further investigation	Report and Witnesses to provide requested evidence
<b>Food Exercise and Diet in Schools (FEDS)</b> The Select Committee considered the future work looking at FEDS.	The Select Committee agreed to continue the work on this project and produce a further FEDS publication	Continuation of the project
<b>Rushcliffe Mutual</b> The Select Committee considered proposals for the Rushcliffe Mutual.	The Select Committee identified a range of issues that required further investigation	Report and Witnesses to provide requested evidence
<b>Nursing outstations</b> The Select Committee considered the use of non-medical premises for the provision of nursing in Nottinghamshire.	The Select Committee agreed to delegate responsibility for this issue to a District Council.	
<b>NICE</b> The Select Committee received an update on information requested at the previous meeting.	The Select Committee identified a range of issues that required further investigation.	Report to provide requested evidence
<b>LIFT – Keyworth Health Centre</b> The Select Committee considered progress with the Keyworth Health Centre project.	The Select Committee agreed to monitor progress.	Report on progress
<b>MRSA Study Group</b> The Select Committee received an oral update on the work of the MRSA Study Group.		Final Report to be produced
<b>Annual Review &amp; Work Programme</b> The Select Committee reviewed its work during 2005-06 and recommended items for inclusion in the work programme for 2006-07	The Select Committee agreed the Annual Review and forwarded items to be considered for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.	Work Programme Report 2006-07

# Nottinghamshire County Council Scrutiny

## Social Service Select Committee Annual Review

### Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Social Services Select Committee as defined by Article 6 – Select Committees of the County Council’s Constitution, are to provide:

- An overview of the Council's effectiveness as a Local Social Services Authority.
- An overview of the provision of health services within the County Council's administrative area.

### Major Areas of Work 2005-06

Major areas of work for the Social Services Select Committee in 2005-06 have included:

- Adult Care
- After Care
- Adult Social Care

#### Adult Care

The Social Services Select Committee considered issues relating to Adult Care, including direct payments, eligibility, charging and eligibility for carers services.

The Select Committee also considered the outcomes of the Adult Care consultation processes.

The Select Committee made 16 recommendations to the County Council Cabinet involving changes to services involving direct payments, eligibility, charging and eligibility for carers services.

The Select Committee agreed to review the further development of charging in Nottinghamshire and to give further consideration at that time to whether a higher level charge should be applied where there are care services available at all times, such as in ‘extra care housing’ and some forms of supported living.

### **Adult Social Care**

The Select Committee established a Study Group to consider the implications of Government legislation on the development of Adult Social Care Services in Nottinghamshire.

The Study Group has a wide remit and issues identified include:

- the Adult Social Care Green Paper
- Government and County Council priorities and objectives
- Aspirations of service users and their carers within Nottinghamshire
- The current level of performance of adult social care in the county
- The County Council's new strategic plan
- The production of options to determine the future balance and range of services commissioned and provided by Social Services.

### **After Care**

The Social Services Select Committee formed a Study Group on 21 December 2004 to examine issues associated with the After Care services for young people as follows:

- Placing and sustaining young people in education, training and employment
- Linkages with other County Council Departments to maximise the role they might play in enhancing the life chances of care leavers
- Partnerships with outside agencies including housing, Supporting People and the Police

The Study Group identified the need to look more closely at the following issues:

- County Council employment policy as it relates to the assistance of care leavers
- Service Level Agreements (NACRO and NCH) and how these are being met
- Young people after 19 (when they have passed the performance indicator)
- Use of "Bed and Breakfast" accommodation

The Study Group's final report will be considered in May 2006.



## Social Services Select Committee Annual Review

### Review of Work 2005-06

Select Committee	Outputs	Further Action
<b>14 June</b>		
<p><b>Key Activities in Social Services in Social Services and Forward Plan</b> The Select Committee received a series of presentations by Assistant Directors in the Social Services Department on the work of their respective divisions, including key issues and developments affecting their areas of responsibility.</p>		
<p><b>Proposal for the Operation of the Select Committee</b> The Select Committee considered proposals for the future operation of the Select Committee.</p>	The Select Committee agreed the proposals for the future operation of the Select Committee.	
<p><b>Adult Care Study Group</b> The Select Committee considered proposals to reconstitute a Study Group to consider Adult care.</p>	The Select Committee agreed that the Adult Care Study Group be re-established.	
<p><b>After Care Study Group</b> The Select Committee considered proposals to reconstitute a Study Group to review the County Council's After Care Service.</p>	The Select Committee agreed to re-establish the After Care Study Group	
<p><b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee received a report outlining some potential issues for Scrutiny.</p>	Members noted the report, and agreed to consider possible items for scrutiny after receiving the presentation from the Temporary Director at the next meeting.	
<b>26 July</b>		
<p><b>Cabinet Member's report (oral)</b> The Select Committee received a report from the Cabinet portfolio holder on key issues affecting the Social Services Department</p>	The Temporary Director of Social Services indicated that feedback from staff conference workshops and an action plan would be circulated to Members.	
<p><b>Presentation - Ready for the Future?</b> The Select Committee received a presentation from the Director of Social Services outlining some of the key issues and challenges for the Social Services Department.</p>	The Select Committee requested that they be involved in the development of Children's and Adult Services.	
<b>Social Services Select Committee - Proposed Programme of</b>		

<p><b>Work for 2005/06</b> The Select Committee having received a series of presentations from the Social Services Department considered potential issues for future Scrutiny.</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted that Members would be asked to rank the issues in priority order and agreed that a report would be brought to the next meeting to determine the work programme.</p>	
<p><b>Adult Social Care Green Paper</b> The Select Committee was invited to comment on the draft response of the Social Services Department to the Green Paper "Independence, well-being and choice"</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the Government's proposals for the future of Adult Social Care, following the publication of the Green Paper "Independence, well-being and choice".</p> <p>Members suggested issues for inclusion in the Social Services Department's response to the Department of Health.</p>	
<p><b>Progress Report – Residential Child Care Service</b> The Select Committee received a progress report on the Residential Child Care Service</p>	<p>The Select Committee requested a progress report be brought back to the Select Committee in January 2006.</p>	
<p><b>Interim Progress Report – Clayfields House</b> The Select Committee received a progress report on the services provided at Clayfields House.</p>	<p>The Select Committee requested a progress report be brought back to the Select Committee in October 2005.</p>	
<p><b>Cabinet Members Response - Day Services Modernisation (Learning Disability)</b> The Select Committee received the Cabinet Portfolio Holder's response to the review of Day Services Modernisation.</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report and requested that a progress report be brought back to the Select Committee in 6months.</p>	
<p><b>Cabinet Members Response - Short Term Breaks Services for Disabled Children</b> The Select Committee received the Cabinet Portfolio Holder's response to the review of short Term Breaks Services for Disabled Children.</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report.</p>	
<p><b>Adult Care Study Group</b> The Select Committee received a progress report from the Adult Care Study Group</p>	<p>The Select Committee requested an additional meeting on 9 September 2005 to discuss this matter in detail.</p>	
<p><b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee considered the programme of work</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report.</p>	
<b>9 September</b>		
<p><b>Adult Care Study Group</b> The Select Committee considered the final report and recommendations of the Study Group which examined issues relating to Adult Care, including direct payments, eligibility, charging and eligibility for carers services.</p>	<p>The Select Committee made 16 recommendations to the County Council Cabinet involving changes to services involving direct payments, eligibility, charging and eligibility for carers services.</p>	

<p>The Select Committee also considered the outcomes of the Adult Care consultation processes.</p>	<p>The Select Committee agreed to review the further development of charging in Nottinghamshire and to give further consideration at that time to whether a higher level charge should be applied where there are care services available at all times, such as in 'extra care housing' and some forms of supported living.</p>	
<p><b>11 October</b></p>		
<p><b>Forward Plan</b> The Select Committee considered items on the Forward Plan that were within its terms of reference.</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report.</p>	
<p><b>Cabinet Member's report (July - October)</b> The Select Committee received a report from the Cabinet portfolio holder on activities from July 2005-October 2005</p>	<p>The Select Committee requested a report on the development of Children's Centres.</p>	
<p><b>ICT Modernisation Programme (Electronic Social Care Records)</b> The Select Committee received a report on the progress of the modernisation programme.</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report.</p>	
<p><b>Summary of Residential Child Care Strategy since 1998</b> The Select Committee received a report which summarised the progress on the residential childcare strategy.</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report.</p>	
<p><b>Reimbursements and Delayed Transfers of Care: February 2005 - July 2005</b> The Select Committee received a report on the Social Services Department's performance in relation to Delayed Transfers of Care</p>	<p>The Select Committee agreed to note the improvements made in performance, particularly since April 2005 and delete the item from the programme of work.</p>	
<p><b>Recruitment and Retention in the Social Services Department</b> The Select Committee received a report on the Recruitment and Retention in the Social Services Department</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the report.</p>	
<p><b>Final Report on Services to Children in Need ( Best Value Review Improvement Plan 2003)</b> The Select Committee received Final Report on Services to Children in Need ( Best Value Review Improvement Plan 2003)</p>	<p>The Select Committee agreed to delete the item from the work programme.</p>	
<p><b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee considered the proposed programme of work.</p>	<p>The Select Committee agreed the programme of work and established a Study Group to consider the implications of the Adult Social Care Green Paper.</p>	

<p><b>Jill Pedley</b> The Select Committee was informed that this was the last meeting of the Select Committee that Jill Pedley, Assistant Director of Social Services would be attending before her retirement. Members thanked her for her work for the Department and wished her well in her retirement.</p>		
<b>21 November</b>		
<p><b>Social Services Staff Conferences 2005</b> The Select Committee received a report on the Social Services Staff Conferences 2005</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Adult Care Study Group – (a) Response from Cabinet to the Final Report</b> The Select Committee received the Cabinet Member for Social Services response to the Select Committee’s report on Adult Care.  <b>(b) Report of the Director of Social Services on the Implementation Plan</b> The Select Committee received a report on the progress of the implementation plan arising out of Cabinet’s decision on Adult Care.</p>	The Select Committee requested that the policies referred to in the implementation plan be brought to the Select Committee for consideration.	A further report be provided.
<p><b>Supporting People Programme in Nottinghamshire</b> The Select Committee received a report on the development of the supporting people programme in Nottinghamshire</p>	The Select Committee requested that a report be provided on the consultation document.	
<p><b>Progress Report: Clayfields House</b> The Select Committee received a progress report on the services provided at Clayfields House which included an update on the national situation around children’s secure units managed by local authorities</p>	The Select Committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the Select Committee in 6 months.	A report be provided in May/June 2006
<p><b>Forward Plan</b> The Select Committee considered items on the Forward Plan that were within its terms of reference.</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee considered the programme of work</p>	The Select Committee added reports on the flu pandemic and supported employment to the programme of work.	
<b>10 January</b>		
<p><b>Cabinet Member’s Report (October 2005 - January 2006)</b> The Select Committee received a report from the Cabinet portfolio holder on activities from October 2005 – January 2006.</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Presentation: Key Issues and Achievements January 2006</b> The Select Committee received a presentation from the temporary Director of Social Services on key issues and challenges for the Social Services Department.</p>	The Select Committee raised issues of concern with the Temporary Director.	

<p><b>Day Services Modernisation Study Group - Progress Report</b> The Select Committee received a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Day Services Modernisation Study Group</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Promotion of Independence of Older People Best Value Review Improvement Plan - Third Progress Report</b> The Select Committee received a progress report on the Promotion of Independence of Older People from the project implementation manager.</p>	The Select Committee agreed to receive a final report upon the project's completion in May 2006	Final report - May 2006
<p><b>Creating Sustainable Communities: Supporting Independence - Consultation on Supporting People</b> The Select Committee received a report on progress in Nottinghamshire in Creating Sustainable Communities: Supporting Independence</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Pathfinder Children's Trust - Update Report</b> The Select Committee received a report from the Development Manager, Nottinghamshire Pathfinder Trust on the progress of the Pathfinder Childrens Trust.</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Equality and Diversity in the Social Services Department - Annual Review 2005</b> The Select Committee received the Social Services Department's Annual Review of Equality and Diversity.</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Preparation for an Influenza Pandemic</b> The Select Committee received a report on preparations being made by the Social Services Department in case of an Influenza Pandemic.</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Aftercare Study Group - Request for Extension</b> The Select Committee considered an update on progress being made by the After Care Study Group in reviewing the County Council's After Care Service.</p>	The Select Committee endorsed the approach being taken by the After Care Study Group and agreed that the Study Group provides its final report to meeting of the Social Services Select Committee on 16 May 2006.	Final Report of the Study Group – May 2006
<p><b>Forward Plan</b> The Select Committee considered items on the Forward Plan that were within its terms of reference.</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<p><b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee considered the programme of work</p>	The Select Committee noted the report.	

<b>20 February</b>		
<b>Residential Child Care Services – Progress report</b> The Select Committee received a report on developments in residential child care services, following a review completed in 2004.	The Select Committee agreed to remove residential child care services from the Committee's programme of work, as all the recommendations of the Study Group have now been implemented, with the flexibility to consider any outstanding serious issues if necessary.	
<b>Review of Supported Employment Activities 2005/06</b> The Select Committee considered the various activities undertaken by the Supported Employment Team. The Select Committee adjourned to view displays about the service and talk to employees and service users.	The Select Committee suggested that the Supported Employment Steering Group consider the issue of marketing, and that the Select Committee write to the Corporate Procurement Unit to remind them of the Supported Employment Service's activities.	
<b>Forward Plan</b> The Select Committee considered items on the Forward Plan that were within its terms of reference.	The Select Committee agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair consider the work programme for the final two meetings of the municipal year with a view to inviting the Temporary Director and Cabinet Member to discuss plans for future of the service.	
<b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee considered the programme of work		
<b>4 April</b>		
<b>The Meeting the Challenges Services Conference 14 December 2005</b> The Chair of the Select Committee reported on the Meeting the Challenges Services Conference	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<b>Learning Disability Day Service Modernisation</b> The Select Committee received an update on the modernisation of the Learning Disability Day Service	The Select Committee identified the need to consider in detail the Learning Disability Day Services Modernisation Proposals.	That consideration of the modernisation of the Learning Disability Day Service be recommended for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme
<b>The Level of Demand for Carers' Services</b> The Select Committee received a report on the Level of Demand for Carers' Services	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<b>Development of Children's Centres</b> The Select Committee received a report from officers from the Social Services Department and the Education Department on the development of Children's Centres in Nottinghamshire.	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<b>Forward Plan</b>		

The Select Committee considered items on the Forward Plan that were within its terms of reference.	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<b>Programme of Work</b> The Select Committee considered the programme of work	The Select Committee noted the report.	
<b>16 May</b>		
<b>After Care Service – Study Group Final Report</b> The Select Committee received the final report of the After Care Study Group/		
<b>Cabinet Member’s Report (January 2006 – May 2006).</b> The Select Committee received a report from the Cabinet portfolio holder on activities from January 2006 – May 2006.		
<b>Key Issues and Achievements: Presentation by David Pearson, Director of Social Services</b> The Select Committee received a presentation from the temporary Director of Social Services on key issues and challenges for the Social Services Department.		
<b>Forward Plan</b> The Select Committee considered items on the Forward Plan that were within its terms of reference.		
<b>Annual Review 2005-06 and Work Programme</b> The Select Committee reviewed its work during 2005-06 and recommended items for inclusion in the work programme for 2006-07		

# Nottinghamshire County Council Scrutiny

## Annual Review Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

This section of the Annual Review details issues for Scrutiny that were identified by Members for inclusion in the work programme during 2005-06:

- that have been identified as part of the current work programme but have yet to be considered by a Select Committee
- that have been commenced but that will not be completed before the end of the current municipal year.

The Select Committees have made recommendations as to future action for each item which can be considered during the formulation of the Scrutiny programme of work for 2006-07.



## Community Services Select Committee Annual Review

### Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

Work Programme Item	Details	Recommendation
<b>Imitation Weapons and Crossbows</b>	The Select Committee had identified this topic as a likely one for inclusion in its work programme after the conclusion of the current Crime & Disorder Study. The topic has not yet been formally scoped.	That this topic be included within the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2006/2007.
<b>Community Strategy/LSP's.</b>	The Select Committee had planned to conduct a detailed review of the Community Strategy, particularly the role of LSP's.	That this topic be included in the Scrutiny work programme for 2006/2007.
<b>Nuisance caused by 'Mini-Motos'</b>	The Select Committee identified this topic at its meeting of 8 May 2006 as one to be put forward into the future work programme.	That this topic be included in the Scrutiny work programme for 2006/2007.

## Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee Annual Review

### Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

Work Programme Item	Details	Recommendation
<b>Police Mergers</b>	The Select Committee meeting held on 3 April 2006 agreed to hold a further meeting of the Committee on this issue, if necessary, to which other Authorities would be invited	To consider reconvening for a one day scrutiny of issues around police mergers in the region, to which other Authorities in the region would be invited
<b>Constitutional issues arising from call-in</b>	This Member study group is still to have a final meeting to agree its final report	

## Education & Lifelong Learning Select Committee Annual Review

### Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

Work Programme Item	Details	Recommendation
<b>Children Act Study Group</b>	The response to the final report of the Study Group is required by Cabinet	Responses to an important area of work will be provided and should be considered for inclusion in a future scrutiny programme
<b>EDP Attainment and Targets Study Group</b>	The response to the final report of the Study Group is required by Cabinet	Responses to an important area of work will be provided and should be considered for inclusion in a future scrutiny programme

## Environment and Sustainability Select Committee Annual Review

### Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

Work Programme Item	Details	Recommendation
<b>School Travel Plans</b>	An ongoing steering group monitoring the progress of the various travel to school initiatives	This group's valuable work should continue as a formal Member reference group in association with the Environment Department
<b>Carbon Management Review</b>	A review relating to energy management in buildings, new build and street lighting, transport, office waste and procurement.	This review should form part of the scrutiny work programme in 2006/07 in order to feed in to the development of the Council's Carbon Management Plan.
<b>Minerals and Waste Development Framework</b>	A Member sub-group intended to receive regular briefing sessions on the Development Framework and to be able to comment on development planning documents, such as, the Statement of Community Involvement.	This group's work should take place as a formal Member reference group in association with the Environment Department.

<b>School Meals</b>	It was agreed on 30 January to have a full report on school meals at a future meeting.	A report is to be presented to the group and is still awaited.
<b>Performance of Energy Services in Relation to Street Lighting</b>	The group considered the performance of Central Networks with regard to street lighting.	The performance of Central Networks should continue to be monitored.
<b>Condition of Roads in Nottinghamshire</b>	The report on the repairs programme was to be submitted to the seven district Member Forums following the Committee's discussion of the report.	Responses from the seven forums should be awaited and considered.
<b>Traffic Calming</b>	As part of the study of traffic calming measures, it was agreed to receive further reports on the outcome of the national review of safety cameras and on the interactive warning signs in Burton Joyce.	Reports have yet to be received by the group and considered.
<b>Concessionary Fares</b>	Discussed by the group following a central government initiative to introduce reduced and free travel for over-60s within county borders.	There should be a review of how the new system is working.
<b>Flooding</b>	Further to the presentations received from the Environment Agency on flooding issues (in particular development control) the Select Committee recommends that further work be carried out on this topic.	This review should form part of the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2006/07.
<b>Policing of Highways</b>	Further to discussions in relation to road safety and accident reduction the Select Committee recommended that further work be carried out on this topic.	This review should form part of the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2006/07.
<b>PFI and Subsidised Bus Routes in Rural Areas</b>	During discussion by the Select Committee this topic was identified as a suitable subject for a review.	This review should form part of the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2006/07.

## Health Select Committee Annual Review

### Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

Work Programme Item	Details	Recommendation
<b>Teenage Pregnancies</b>	On 11 July 2005 the Health Select Committee received the Cabinet response to the report from the Teenage Pregnancy Study Group and considered feedback from the Department for Education and Skills on the Authority's annual report and updated action plan. The Select Committee requested an update on progress against the action plan, which was intended to be provided after 12months.	Members may wish to consider progress and identify whether further Scrutiny is required.
<b>MRSA</b>	The Final Report of the Health Select Committee's 2 <sup>nd</sup> investigation of MRSA is expected to be completed early in the 2006-07 municipal year. Responses will be provided by the 3 Acute Trusts and the County Council Cabinet.	That the Study Group be supported in producing its final report, which with responses form an important area of work that should be included in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Food in Hospitals</b>	The Health Select Committee launched a study and public consultation exercise into the quality of hospital food in March 2006, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- care in delivery and support in consumption of food</li> <li>- quality of food inc temperature and choice</li> <li>- diet, appropriateness of food</li> </ul>	This is an important area of work that has been started by the Health Select Committee and should be considered for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Food Exercise and Diet in Schools (FEDS)</b>	The Health Select Committee launched a study and school consultation exercise into the programmes and initiatives used in schools to provide healthy food and encourage physical activity. The Study seeks to provide a comparison to 2004-05, identify progress and issues of difficulty facing schools. The Health Select Committee is expecting a response from the County Council Cabinet on the recommendations contained within the 2004-05 Study.	This is an important area of work that has been identified by the Health Select Committee and should be considered for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>PCT Restructuring</b>	The Health Select Committee Study into PCT Restructuring provided recommendations to the Select Committee in February 2006. The outstanding area of work was to identify priorities for addressing inequalities; these are now covered by the LAA.	The Study Group be disestablished, but consideration be given to Scrutiny of the performance of the new PCT in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Health Scrutiny Brochure</b>	The Health Scrutiny Brochure has been on hold pending the appointment of members from the PPIF, the outcome of a report to County Council on voting rights of co-opted members and potential changes to the scrutiny system.	The brochure is officer led work and does not need to be included in a future work programme but should be produced in consultation with the appropriate chair/vice-chair.

<b>NHS Dentistry</b>	The Health Select Committee identified the availability of NHS Dentists in Nottinghamshire as an area for investigation and for inclusion on the Select Committee's Work Programme. The issue will be initially considered at the meeting on 2 May 2006.	This is an important area of work that has been identified by the Health Select Committee and should be considered for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Rushcliffe (PCT) Mutual</b>	The Health Select Committee has been invited to consider proposals from Rushcliffe PCT to develop a Mutual Company. The issue will be initially considered at the meeting on 2 May 2006.	Subject to separate report to be considered on 2 May 2006.
<b>Nursing Outstations</b>	The Health Select Committee identified this topic as a potential issue for Scrutiny. The issue will be initially considered at the meeting on 2 May 2006.	Subject to separate report to be considered on 2 May 2006.
<b>LIFT</b>	The Health Select Committee identified concerns regarding progress with the Keyworth Health Centre developments. These issues will be considered at the meeting on 2 May 2006.	Subject to separate report to be considered on 2 May 2006.
<b>Funding for Health Services in Nottinghamshire</b>  <b>Choose and Book system</b>  <b>Accessibility to GP's</b>  <b>Road Safety Issues</b>	The Health Select Committee identified these items as issues for Scrutiny. These items had not been undertaken during 2005-06	These are areas of work that have been identified by the Health Select Committee and should be considered for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.

## Social Services Select Committee Annual Review

### Outstanding Areas of Work 2006

Work Programme Item	Details	Recommendation
<b>After Care</b>	The Final Report of the Social Services Select Committee's investigation of After Care will be presented to the Select Committee meeting on 16 May 2006. Responses will be provided by the County Council Cabinet.	That the Cabinet response should be included in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Adult Social Care</b>	This major area of work is a long term project for Scrutiny following the development and implementation of changes contained within the Health and Social Care White Paper.	This is an important area of work that has been started by the Social Services Select Committee. Continued scrutiny should be supported and it is recommended that the Study Group should be considered for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Learning Disability Day Service Modernisation</b>	The Select Committee identified the need to consider in detail the Learning Disability Day Services Modernisation Proposals.	This is an important area of work that has been identified by the Social Services Select Committee and should be considered a priority for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Promotion of Independence of Older People Best Value Review Improvement Plan</b>	The Select Committee agreed to receive a final report upon the project's completion in May 2006	That this information be provided to Members but not be recommended by the Select Committee for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Clayfields House</b>	The Select Committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the Select Committee 6 months after the meeting in November 2005.	That this information be provided to Members but not be recommended by the Select Committee for inclusion in a future Scrutiny work programme.
<b>Issues for Information</b>	The following topics have been identified as issues that Members may require further information during 2006-07: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residential Care for Older People</li> <li>▪ Customer Relations Service Annual Report</li> <li>▪ Rota Visit Reports</li> <li>▪ Short Term Breaks Provision for Disabled Children</li> <li>▪ Adult Care Study Group – implementation of recommendations</li> </ul>	That the Social Services Department be requested to provide information to Members on these topics during 2006-07 and on any other issue identified by the Select Committee.