

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

date 30th June 2011

agenda item number **7b**

Report of the Chair of the Overview Committee

Purpose of the Report

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

Overview

2. On 21st June Overview received a response to the recommendations of the Partnerships review; of the six recommendations five were fully accepted and one was partially accepted.
3. The Overview sub-committee examining shared services will next meet on 6th July, when it will receive a briefing from the Chief Executive.

Standing Committees

Communities & the Environment

4. The Standing Committee continues the review of heritage and conservation in the county. On 6th June, the Standing Committee undertook site visits to Creswell Crags and King John's Palace where they saw firsthand the importance of close partnership working with landowners and the unique historical treasures of the County. When the committee meets on 11 July it will commence drawing up draft recommendations in relation to conservation and heritage issues.
5. At the conclusion of the Conservation and Heritage Review, the Standing Committee will receive a briefing on tourism and economic regeneration – this is a likely area for future review.
6. The Dog Deaths/Seasonal Canine Illness study group is seeking to raise awareness of this issue via an article in County News. Any additional information or evidence received from members of the public may be of assistance to the Forestry Commission in identifying the cause of this problem.

Education

7. On 18th July the Standing Committee will examine the issue of managing school places, receive an update on Special Educational Needs funding in Newark, Post 16 funding and receive the Cabinet response to the Cross border review.
8. A sub-committee is about to commence examining the issue of the recruitment and retention of Governors.

Social Care & Health (previously Health & Wellbeing)

9. On 4th July, the Standing Committee will receive briefing on changes arising from the budget in relation to the financing of adult social care. In addition, there will be a briefing on child protection.
10. Immediately following 4th July meeting, a study group will receive a briefing on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) from NHS Nottinghamshire County.

Joint Health

11. The first meeting this municipal year of the Joint Health Committee at Loxley House took place on 14th June when Members examined issues relating to Children's Congenital Heart Services and Specialist Palliative Care Services across Nottinghamshire.

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Chair of the Overview Committee