

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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Report of the Chair of the Overview Committee

Purpose of the Report

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

Overview

2. On 20th September Overview received briefing on Grant Aid, Risk Management and the Sustainable Community Strategy.
3. The Overview sub-committee examining shared services also met on 20th September when it engaged with the Chief Executives of Gedling Borough Council and Mansfield District Council.

Standing Committees

Communities & the Environment

4. The Standing Committee commenced a review of tourism issues in Nottinghamshire on 12th September when it received a comprehensive briefing from Jennifer Spencer, Chief Executive, Experience Nottinghamshire.
5. The Dog Deaths study group expects to meet once a month during the autumn/winter of 2011 and produce a final report in early 2012.

Education

6. On 19th September the Standing Committee received briefing on child poverty in education, an update on academies and managing school places.
7. A sub-committee examining the issue of the recruitment and retention of Governors will next meet on 28th September.

Social Care and Health

8. On 5th September, the Standing Committee met with representatives on NHS Nottinghamshire County to discuss the closure of the Ashfield

Joint Health

9. On 13 September, Members examined issues relating to services for the visually impaired (and some audiology issues), as well as cost reductions at Nottingham University Hospitals, and the development of services at Lings Bar Hospital.

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Chair of the Overview Committee