



Meeting: **Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 10 June 2014 at 2.00 pm**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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Membership

Mrs. R. Camamile CC (Chairman)

Mr. M. H. Charlesworth CC Mr. P. G. Lewis CC
Mr. S. J. Hampson CC Ms. Betty Newton CC
Mr. D. Jennings CC Mr. A. E. Pearson CC
Mr. J. Kaufman CC Mr. R. Sharp CC

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AGENDA

Item

Report by

1. Appointment of Chairman for the period ending with the date of the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2015.

To note that Mrs R Camamile CC was nominated Chairman elect to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the County Council meeting held on 21 May 2014.

2. Election of Deputy Chairman for the period ending with the date of the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2015.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2014. (Pages 5 - 10)
4. Question Time.



5. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).
6. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.
7. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
8. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.
9. Presentation of Petitions: Community Libraries.

A petition signed by 1061 residents is to be presented by Mr Matthew O'Callaghan, as Lead Petitioner, in the following terms:-

"We the undersigned petition the Council to reconsider its decision to close or transfer 36 of Leicestershire's smaller libraries"

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| 10. | Consultation on proposals for changes in the delivery of Community Library Services. | Director of Adults and Communities | (Pages 11 - 40) |
| 11. | Consultation on Snibston Proposed Future Offer. | Director of Adults and Communities and Director of Corporate Resources. | (Pages 41 - 80) |
| 12. | Strategic Review of Preventative Services in Leicestershire. | Director of Adults and Communities, Director of Children and Family Services and Director of Public Health | (Pages 81 - 114) |
| 13. | Strategic Review of Carer Support Services in Leicestershire. | Director of Adults and Communities | (Pages 115 - 138) |
| 14. | Review of Non-Residential Charging Policy for Adult Social Care. | Director of Adults and Communities | (Pages 139 - 152) |
| 15. | Cost Effective Care Policy for Adult Social Care. | Director of Adults and Communities | (Pages 153 - 176) |
| 16. | Implementation of the Care Act 2014. | Director of Adults and Communities | (Pages 177 - 184) |
| 17. | Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding | Director of Adults | (Pages 185 - |

18. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place at 2pm on Tuesday, 2 September 2014.

19. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.

QUESTIONING BY MEMBERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Members serving on Overview and Scrutiny have a key role in providing constructive yet robust challenge to proposals put forward by the Cabinet and Officers. One of the most important skills is the ability to extract information by means of questions so that it can help inform comments and recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny bodies.

Members clearly cannot be expected to be experts in every topic under scrutiny and nor is there an expectation that they so be. Asking questions of 'experts' can be difficult and intimidating but often posing questions from a lay perspective would allow members to obtain a better perspective and understanding of the issue at hand.

Set out below are some key questions members may consider asking when considering reports on particular issues. The list of questions is not intended as a comprehensive list but as a general guide. Depending on the issue under consideration there may be specific questions members may wish to ask.

Key Questions:

- Why are we doing this?
- Why do we have to offer this service?
- How does this fit in with the Council's priorities?
- Which of our key partners are involved? Do they share the objectives and is the service to be joined up?
- Who is providing this service and why have we chosen this approach? What other options were considered and why were these discarded?
- Who has been consulted and what has the response been? How, if at all, have their views been taken into account in this proposal?

If it is a new service:

- Who are the main beneficiaries of the service? (could be a particular group or an area)
- What difference will providing this service make to them – What will be different and how will we know if we have succeeded?
- How much will it cost and how is it to be funded?
- What are the risks to the successful delivery of the service?

If it is a reduction in an existing service:

- Which groups are affected? Is the impact greater on any particular group and, if so, which group and what plans do you have to help mitigate the impact?
- When are the proposals to be implemented and do you have any transitional arrangements for those who will no longer receive the service?
- What savings do you expect to generate and what was expected in the budget? Are there any redundancies?
- What are the risks of not delivering as intended? If this happens, what contingency measures have you in place?