



Meeting: **Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Special Meeting)**

Date/Time: **Thursday, 9 October 2014 at 11.00 am**

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
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Mr. J. Kaufman CC Mr. R. Sharp CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>	
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014.		(Pages 5 - 18)
2. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.		
3. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.		
4. Strategic Review of Preventative Services - Support for Homeless People - Call-in of the Cabinet Decision.	Chief Executive and Director of Adults and Communities	(Pages 19 - 348)



A Call-in was received on 25th September in relation to the Cabinet decision taken on 19th September on the Strategic Review of Preventative Services specifically relating to support for homeless people, a copy of which is attached to this agenda.

The report on the Strategic Review of Preventative Services which was considered by the Cabinet on 19th September together with the outcome of the Consultations, the Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessments and representations received and considered by the Cabinet is attached.

(Members are advised that the following sections of the attached report and appendices are relevant to the issue of support services for homelessness:

- Paragraphs 12, 38, 50 to 53 and 90 to 105 of the report
- Appendices A, B, C and F)

The Director of Adults and Communities and Chief Executive will provide a supplementary report responding to the terms in the Call-in notice. A copy of that report will be circulated to members shortly.

5. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday, 17th November 2014.

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?