

## **ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

4<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

**PRESENT** – Councillor Thistlethwaite (in the Chair); Councillors Harman, Hutchinson, B. Jones, Kelley, Knowles, Lister, Maddison and S. Richmond. (9)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Mrs. D. Jones and York. (2)

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Pauline Mitchell, Assistant Director - Housing and Building Services.

**AH28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**AH29. MINUTES** - Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**AH30. WORK PROGRAMME** – The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the current Municipal Year.

The submitted report outlined those areas where this Scrutiny Committee had previously identified it would like to focus its work over the next Municipal Year and also emphasised that the work programme was a rolling programme and any Member of this Scrutiny could request an item to be included provided that a Quad of Aims had been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee prior to ensure that it contributed to the strategic aims of the Council.

The submitted report outlined the original Work Programme and requested Members to reconsider the Work Programme to accommodate any further issues that they might wish to include.

Members put forward a number of suggestions for future work topics which the Committee discussed and suggested could be added to any future work programme.

It was reported that, following the meeting of the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012, all Scrutiny Committees were now responsible for community safety within their own individual remits. It was suggested that a Task and Finish Review Group (in conjunction with the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee) could be established to look into anti-social behaviour and the statistical information and trends around it and public perceptions and that this Scrutiny Committee could undertake a piece of work in relation to Vulnerability (Hate Crime).

It was also reported that following Cabinet's decision to agree the new Corporate Plan and supporting performance management framework, all Scrutiny Committees would, at the beginning of each Municipal Year, receive a presentation on performance management information which would help to inform and structure any future work programmes.

**RESOLVED** - That the current status of the Work Programme be noted.

**AH31. NUTRITION IN CARE HOMES** – The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that this Scrutiny Committee consider establishing a Task and Finish Review Group to look into nutrition in private care homes to ensure that the Council’s processes in managing and monitoring nutrition continued to improve the quality of life of those placed in care homes.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That a Task and Finish Review Group be established to undertake a piece of work into nutrition in private care homes.

(b) That all Members be appointed to the Task and Finish Review Group.

(c) That the Terms of Reference for this work be considered and approved at its first meeting.