OVERVIEW OF ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-
 - (a) At our meeting held on 4th September, 2012, we further discussed the Work Programme for the Scrutiny Committee and agreed to undertake some work in relation to Nutrition in Private Care Homes and Anti-Social Behaviour. Members also put forward a number of suggestions for future work topics which we also will be considering and will bring back to future meetings.
 - (b) In relation to Nutrition in Private Care Homes, we have agreed to establish a Task and Finish Review Group, comprising all Members of the Scrutiny Committee, to undertake this piece of work. An initial meeting to receive a briefing from Officers and to develop detailed terms of reference for the review is currently being arranged and I will keep Members informed of the progress of this work.
 - (c) All Scrutiny Committees have responsibility for community safety and, following a meeting of the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group held on 3rd September, 2012, when this was discussed, it was suggested that we consider establishing a Task and Finish Review Group (in conjunction with the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee) to look into anti-social behaviour and the statistical information and trends around it and public perceptions. It was also suggested that we could undertake a piece of work in relation to Vulnerability (Hate Crime). We have agreed to add both of these items to our work programme.
 - (d) Following Cabinet's decision to agree the new Corporate Plan and supporting performance management framework, all Scrutiny Committees will also, at the beginning of each Municipal Year, receive a presentation on performance management information which will help to inform and structure any future work programmes.
 - (e) We will have a very full programme on Scrutiny and we will keep Members informed of our progress.

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