Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL will be held in Committee Room ‘A’, Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 27th November, 2014 at 5.00 p.m.

Public Consultation will commence at 5.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN FRANKS
Managing Director

To: All Members of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

A G E N D A

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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2. APOLOGIES

- To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. MINUTES

– To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 11th and 25th September, 2014. (Page 5)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

- To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other interests in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct and of the Party Whip in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 4E, Paragraph 16(b).

Note (1): Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

N.B. Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council’s Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.
Note (2): Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 4E, Paragraph 16(b) states "when considering any matter in respect of which a Member must declare the existence of the whip, and the nature of it before the commencement of the OSP's deliberations on the matter".

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

6. GEORGE ELIOT HOSPITAL PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE – verbal presentation by Shahana Khan, Director of Finance of George Eliot Hospital. (Overview)

7. AVENUE HOUSE – verbal presentation by Josie Spencer, Director of Operations Safety and Deputy Chief Executive. (Scrutiny)

8. CALUDEN CENTRE – verbal presentation by Josie Spencer, Director of Operations Safety and Deputy Chief Executive. (Scrutiny)

9. END OF LIFE CARE ACTION PLAN UPDATE – verbal presentation by Kristy Clayton, Practice Development Nurse for End of Life Care - Clinical Nurse Specialist. (Scrutiny)

10. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE CCG – ANNUAL REPORT – verbal presentation by Heather Gorringe, Chair North Warwickshire CCG. (Scrutiny)

11. CHAIR’S UPDATE FROM WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – to receive a report from Councillor Watkins, Chair.

12. RESPONSE FROM CABINET - None

13. WORK PROGRAMME - presented by the Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees).

   (a) Work Programme 2014/15 attached. (Page 10)

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified).

   N.B Agenda Item Descriptors

   **Scrutiny** = Members to consider the evidence presented in detail (e.g. service delivery, value for money, performance, customer satisfaction, social outcomes) and make recommendations for any necessary changes/improvements to service provision or resources and/or request further information.

   **Overview** = Members to consider the information presented and make observations, comments and/or recommend further considerations to be taken into account and any additions or amendments required.
Aim 1 - To improve the quality of life and social justice for residents so it is much closer to that enjoyed by the rest of Warwickshire.

Priority 1 - To provide a choice of housing to meet the needs of the residents of the Borough.

Priority 2 - To create a healthy, diverse and robust economy which provides employment opportunities for local people.

Priority 3 - To work in partnership to improve health and reduce health inequalities for residents in the Borough.

Priority 4 - To develop a confident, cohesive and diverse community.

Aim 2 - To work in partnership to reduce the level of crime and disorder so that the community is and feels safer.

Priority 1 - Dealing with anti-social behaviour by working in partnership and provide diversionary activities to engage with youngsters.

Priority 2 - Environmental improvements and support for selective CCTV to reduce fear of crime.

Priority 3 - Use of the Council's enforcement powers to support community safety initiatives.

Aim 3 - To provide a pleasant environment for those living, working and visiting the Borough.

Priority 1 - To create a greener and cleaner environment.

Priority 2 - To lead in environmental issues addressing climate change and protection of the environment.

Aim 4 - To provide quality services which represent value for money.

Priority 1 - To continue to improve the performance and quality of key services.

Priority 2 - To improve access arrangements for all Council services and the way that those who use them are treated.

Priority 3 - To use value for money procedures to test the way all services are delivered.
NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

11th September, 2014

A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 11th September, 2014.

Present

Councillor C.M. Watkins – Chair

Councillors K.D. Wilson (Vice Chair), J.B. Beaumont, I.C. Bonner, D. Fowler, C.S. Phillips and Ms I. Klabisz

Apologies were received from Councillors S.J. Margrave, R.A. Taylor and Mrs L. Price

HHC18 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July, 2014 be confirmed.

HHC19 Declarations of Interest

Councillors J.B. Beaumont and C.S. Phillips declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of them being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor C.M. Watkins declared an Other Interest in any item by reason of him being a Community Safety Ambassador.

HHC20 Extra Care – Local Lettings Plan

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities was presented which sought this Panel’s views on a proposed Individual Cabinet Member Decision for a Local Letting Plan to allocate Extra Care Housing units in the Borough.

RESOLVED that support be given to the Portfolio Holder – Housing and Communities for the Individual Cabinet Member Decision proposal to be approved.

HHC21 Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation 2014-2018

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities sought this Panel’s views on the Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-2018 which had been developed by the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board for comment and consideration.
RESOLVED that the following comments relating to the Draft Strategy be made in response to the questions as outlined in Appendix B of the report:

Section 1
(a) “Dignity” and “Alcohol” related themes be added to the three priorities;
(b) provision for the monitoring of progress and a requirement for data and information to be made available at local level be included in the Strategy.

Section 2
(a) “Promoting Independence” should be a priority, but not at the risk of increasing isolation.

Section 3
(a) The chapter on “Community Resilience” should make reference to the importance of tackling language barriers and overcoming apathy within certain communities.

Section 5
(a) The roles and responsibilities of partner organisations involved in delivering the Strategy be extended to include a requirement for providers to supply data and share information, and Commissioners should make themselves available to attend scrutiny panels;
(b) the role of partners be extended to include the importance of scrutiny at both county and borough level.

Section 6
(a) Appendix 1 be produced on A3 size paper to make it easier to read;
(b) plain English be used throughout the Strategy document and it be referred to the Plain English Society for an overview.

HHC22 Health Inequalities Working Group

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities updated members on the progress of the Health Inequalities Working Group recommendations which had been approved by Cabinet.

RESOLVED that

(1) the progress on recommendations included in the Action Plan be noted;

(2) enquiries be made to SLM over the number of Passport to Leisure users and this was to form part of the report back to the Scrutiny Panel by SLM in November 2014; and

(3) alternative methods for way marking walks, other than “footsteps”, be explored as it was felt that this was not the best option for people suffering from dementia.
HHC23  **Chair’s Verbal Update from Adult Social Care and Health OSC**

The Chair gave a verbal update on the work of the Adult Social Care and Health OSC and reported that he had raised issues relating to the Discharge Protocol, the amount of funding which North Warwickshire received compared to South Warwickshire, and ways of tackling fuel poverty.

The Chair asked members to notify him of any issues/questions they wanted raising at future meetings of the Adult Social Care and Health OSC.

**RESOLVED** that

1. the Chair’s report be noted; and
2. the possibility of adapting the property in Manor Park Avenue, Nuneaton for intermediate use be explored further.

HHC24  **Work Programme 2014/15**

The Principal Democratic Services Officer presented the Work Programme 2014/15 and informed members that an additional meeting of this Panel had been arranged for Thursday 6th November, 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the Work Programme for 2014/15 be noted.

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Chair
NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

25th September, 2014

A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Camp Hill Education Sports and Social (C.H.E.S.S), Nuneaton on Thursday, 25th September, 2014.

Present

Councillor C.M. Watkins – Chair

Councillors T. Doherty, J. Foster (substituting for K.D. Wilson), D. Fowler, S.J. Margrave, Mrs L. Price and Ms I. Klabisz

Apologies were received from Councillors K.D. Wilson (Vice Chair), J.B. Beaumont, C.S. Phillips and R.A. Taylor

HHC25 Declarations of Interest

Councillors S.J. Margrave declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of his employment with Orbit Housing Association, Research Student with Coventry University and as a Member of the General Synod.

HHC26 Pilot ‘Rapid Response’ Scheme - Estate Walkabouts

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities was discussed which presented information in relation to the objectives to date, of the pilot Rapid Response Scheme.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Director – Housing and Communities make a note of comments raised by Members, including the need to publicise the scheme more widely, the willingness of Councillors on the panel to deliver the newsletter ‘Homing In’ to community areas when needed, and to investigate the feasibility of working with partners so whole areas are maintained for residents and not just Council owned land.

HHC27 Pride in Camp Hill Board Progress Report

Following an estate walkabout, the Camp Hill Project Manager provided an overview of phase 1 – 3 and the development of the Camp Hill area and answered questions from Members.

RESOLVED that

(a). the report be noted;

(b). the security and safety issue of the walkways by the retaining walls be looked at;
(c). that further discussion with residents takes place regarding the openness of the view of the Balancing Lakes.

HHC28 **Consultation – Housing Related Support Services (Supporting People)**

**The Commissioner for Accomodation with Care**

Members considered the documentation provided for consultation from Warwickshire County Council regarding Housing Related Support Services (Supporting People).

The consultation document had been made available to 6000 residents who receive support services to seek their views on how the service could be re-shaped as a result of budget reductions. The County Council are to reduce the Supporting People budget which pays for these services from £8.6m to £4.025m by 2018.

**RESOLVED that** Cabinet be requested to call an extraordinary Council meeting to debate the proposals fully and for a formal Council response to be made as part of the consultation process.

HHC29 **Work Programme 2014/15**

The Principal Democratic Services Officer presented the Work Programme 2014/15

**RESOLVED that** the Work Programme for 2014/15 be noted and that the Commissioner for Accommodation with Care return in January 2015 to discuss the consultation responses for Housing Related Support Services (Supporting people), and that the evaluation of the Pilot Rapid Response Scheme be added to the work programme for June 2015.

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