



# Agenda

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## Communities & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 23<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 at 10.00 a.m.  
Queen Elizabeth Room, Scaitcliffe House

### Membership

Chair: Councillor Kerry Molineux

Vice-Chair: Councillor Wendy Dwyer

Councillors: June Harrison, Dave Parkins, Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt

*Co-optees:* Jean Battle, Dr. Mohammed Rahman & one Conservative Vacancy

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### Overview and Scrutiny Committee Principles

The Committee will exercise the following principles when conducting its business:-

1. At all times adhere to the code of conduct for members and the protocol for member/officer relations.
2. To treat people fairly and with respect and be constructive, especially when challenging people.
3. To seek consensus on the best solutions irrespective of party politics.
4. To be open and transparent.
5. To look for continuous improvement rather than blame.
6. To be inclusive and democratic.
7. To communicate well and constantly.
8. To make best use of available resources.
9. To ensure equality of opportunity.
10. To allow portfolio holders when present to deal with questions and facilitate officer input when under scrutiny.

# AGENDA

## 1. Apologies for absence

## 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

## 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 for approval as a correct record. (Attached)

**Recommended** - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

## 4. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2014/15

The report asks the Committees to give consideration to, and approve the work programme for 2014/15 of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (Attached)

**Recommended** - **That the Committees consider the draft work programmes contained in the Appendix to this report and approves their work programmes for 2014/15, and;**

- **That the work programme of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee be submitted to the next meeting of Cabinet for comment.**

## 5. Welfare Reform Update and the Roll Out of Universal Credit

To update Overview and Scrutiny on the Welfare Reform Changes introduced in 2013 and the preparations for the roll out of Universal Credit. (Attached)

**Recommended** - **That Overview and Scrutiny note the contents of the report and comment accordingly.**

## **6. Reducing Poverty Scrutiny Panel- Update Report**

To update Overview and Scrutiny on the progress of the Reducing Poverty Scrutiny Panel. (Attached)

- Recommended**
- **That the report be noted, and;**
  - **That members of the Committee put forward any thoughts on what should be included in the final report of the panel, and;**
  - **That the Committee considers the final report of the Panel at its meeting in October, so that it can be submitted to Cabinet before the end of the year.**