Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 June 2013

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Overview Meetings

The Committee received an overview of Resources and Democratic Services, including key achievements and any difficulties in the previous year. Emerging issues for the services include:

Resources

- Impact of Welfare Reform, including Council Tax Support and under occupancy rules, on advice and customer services, data collection, and finance (due to non-collection of Council Tax).
- The expected legislation regulating Enforcement Agents activities, which proposes an increase in fees that will be charged and passed on to debtors
- Financial uncertainty and development of budget savings programme
- Pension reform
- Public Health transfer transition arrangements
- Readiness of VCS in line with government expectants of service delivery

Democratic Services

- Introduction and transition to Individual Electoral Registration
- Supporting the Great War Centenary commemorations
- Supporting councillors on the frontline
- Public Health transfer transition arrangements
- Impact of Francis Inquiry into Mid-Staffordshire on health scrutiny functions

The Committee will receive the overview of Legal Services at its meeting on 11 June.

Scrutiny Review of NEPO

At the next meeting the Committee will also receive a report on the external review of NEPO.