

Briefing Notes

Social and Community Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

10th June 2009

This note contains information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee but where no decisions from Members are needed.

If Members have questions relating to matters shown, they are asked to contact the Officer indicated.

Review of Appointments to Outside Bodies relevant to the remit of Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. Gloucestershire Home Safety Check Scheme Management Committee
2. South West Home Safety Council

At its meeting on 14th January 2009, the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny considered a timetable for reports back from representatives on outside bodies which had been appointed by Cabinet/Council in June 2008. During the discussion it was pointed out that there was currently a vacancy for a representative on the Gloucestershire Home Safety Check Scheme Management Committee and on the South West Home Safety Council and the comment was made that this was probably because Members did not know what the purpose of these organisations was. It was agreed that these organisations be invited to give formal presentations to the Committee, to be included in the work programme for future meetings.

Mark Nelson, Private Sector Housing Manager Neighbourhood Regeneration has indicated that there is no contact information regarding these organisations on record. Following his further investigation and contact with colleagues across the County, these organisations appear to be a distant memory and it is suggested that given their titles, Private Sector Housing teams would be fully familiar with their work if they continued to have operational relevance to the work of the council.

Under the circumstances it is felt that council representation is no longer required on these organisations and this should be reflected in the Committees final report to Cabinet/Council at the conclusion of the review.

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