

Council, 28th July 2014

Agenda Item 9(a) refers

Report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Since the last meeting of Council the Community Leadership Panel has met to have its annual Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Meeting:

The Panel was joined by representatives from the following agencies:

- Leicestershire Fire and Rescue
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Women's Aid

The representatives gave an excellent introduction to the day-to-day work of their agencies working within our communities and we were also given an insight into how they dealt with particular issues. The Panel felt that these regular updates are an excellent way of keeping the Council informed.

On Friday the 11th July Ed O'Neill and I attended a Training Workshop for Scrutiny Chairs held at the University of Birmingham. The presenter was Andrew Coulson, Lead Consultant on Overview and Scrutiny at INLOGOV.

The event was attended by Councillors and Democratic Officers from various councils including Birmingham, Warwickshire, Northampton, Manchester, Croyden, Shropshire, Lincolnshire and Cardiff.

During the day there was lots of discussion and advice around how Scrutiny should be undertaken in various different contexts. At the end of the programme it was clear that Harborough District Council is operating a Scrutiny mechanism appropriate for the size of the authority and in line with best practice.

I look forward to many successful Scrutiny meetings in the year to come.

Cllr Lynne Beesley-Reynolds.