

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

20 SEPTEMBER 2013

Report of the Director of Legal Services

Member Development visit to Parliamentary Select Committee

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Committee of the details of the proposed visit to a Parliamentary Select Committee on 28 October 2013.

2. Information and Analysis

Members of the Management Committee are aware that arrangements are being made for them and the Vice-chairs of the 4 Improvement and Scrutiny Committees to visit Westminster on 28 October this year.

The visit will give Members the opportunity to attend and observe a Parliamentary Select Committee in session and meet with staff from the Select Committee support team. Select Committees are the Parliamentary equivalent of local government scrutiny committees and the purpose of the visit is to provide DCC's Improvement and Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs with an insight of how Select Committees conduct their business.

During the day there will also be a meeting with local MPs.

Those who will be attending are;

Cllrs. Moesby, Charles, Bambrick, Lauro, Dunn, Southerd and Stockdale
Members will be accompanied by an Improvement and Scrutiny Officer during the day.

Visit Itinerary

The proposed timetable for the day is as follows;

- Train travel to London with taxi transfer to Portcullis House, Westminster to arrive at 11.00am. (*for security clearance*)
- 11.30am – meeting with Clare Mullin of the Parliamentary Outreach Office and Glenn McKee, Clerk of the Communities and Local

Government Select Committee, (Room Q) (*presentation on the work and administrative processes of Select Committees*)

- 12.30pm – break for lunch. (*We will be accompanied by Parliamentary office staff to the Palace of Westminster for lunch to prevent the need for further security checks*)
- 1.30pm – return to Portcullis House (Room Q) for meeting with local MPs (*Natascha Engels MP, Toby Perkins MP and Dennis Skinner MP have been invited – the former 2 have already accepted*)
- 2.30pm – 3.30pm – meeting with Clive Betts MP (Member for Sheffield South East), Chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee.
- 3.30pm - short break until 4.00pm
- 4.00pm – attend session of Communities and Local Government Select Committee
- 5.00 – 5.30pm (approx.) – leave for return journey home.

Confirmation of these arrangements will be made nearer the date of the meeting as the Parliamentary officer has forewarned that Select Committee sessions can be re-arranged at short notice. However, at this stage no changes are anticipated.

The Improvement and Scrutiny Officer will contact participating Members in due course to arrange travel and confirm the itinerary.

3. Considerations

The relevance of the following factors has also been considered in preparing this report; Property, Finance, Human Relations, Legal and Human Rights, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Equality and Diversity, Environmental, Health and Transport.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Improvement and Scrutiny Management Committee is asked to note the arrangements made for the forthcoming visit to the Parliamentary Select Committee.

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