

<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>9 APRIL 2014</b>
<b>WELFARE ADVICE IN NOTTINGHAM</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

**1. Purpose**

This Committee is asked to consider the information provided relating to the provision of welfare advice in Nottingham by the Council and its partners and to identify the type of advice being sought and any developing trends for the future.

**2. Action required**

Councillors are asked:

- (a) use the information provided to inform questioning and discussion about how advice is being provided, the nature of the advice being sought and developing trends for the future;**
- (b) identify if there are any further areas relating to the provision of welfare advice in Nottingham for future scrutiny they may wish to explore?**

**3. Background**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to consider this item at its meeting held on 4 September 2013. Given the period of austerity and reducing council budgets and changes to welfare benefits the Committee felt it was important to find out what level of welfare advice and support is being provided in the City.

**4. List of attached information**

None

**5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None

**6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

None

**7. Wards affected**

City-wide

**8. Contact information**

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