

## Draft Scope

<b>Scrutiny committee:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Working Group:</b>	<b>Homelessness and Hardship in the Borough</b>
<b>Chair of group:</b>	<b>Councillor M. Lawrence</b>
<b>Working group members:</b>	<b>Councillors: Hope, Weisz, P. Allan, Blair, Hughes, Lawrence, Paling, Hewson, Bexon.</b>
<b>Portfolio holder/s:</b>	<b>Councillor Hollingsworth</b>
<b>Corporate Director:</b>	<b>Paula Darlington</b>

### **(1) Scope**

Why this review is being undertaken

(List the specific outcomes – **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**ealistic and **T**ime bound)

The working group recognises the increased incidences of hardship and homelessness that are already becoming evident in the borough as a consequence of the economic downturn and recent welfare reforms.

This review aims to evaluate the current and future impact of multi-agency service provision and to establish whether further development could be achieved.

The review will also examine the implications of proposals by the County Council to reduce adult social care funding and its possible impact on key support organisations.

### **Aims**

<b>Aim</b>	<b>Corporate Values</b>
To identify any barriers for individuals in Gedling to those services engaged in the alleviation of hardship and homelessness.	<b>1. A caring and fair Council</b> that treats customers, residents, partners and staff well

	2. <b>A listening Council</b> that listens to and involves the people it serves
	3. <b>An ambitious Council</b> one that is never satisfied and constantly hungry for improvement
To ensure that services provided are reflective of the different needs represented in Gedling.	4. <b>A responsive Council</b> that is sensitive to different needs and acts accordingly
To identify whether local networks, partnerships and community development links could be further maximised to extend the reach of current provision.	5. <b>An efficient Council</b> that is responsible; that avoids waste and makes the most of what it has

## **(2) Timetable**

The review will commence in:	<b>October 2013</b>
Milestones:	<b>Work programme to be agreed</b>
The review will report in:	<b>Approximately three months</b>
Committee dates:	
Frequency of meetings:	<b>6 weekly</b>

## **(3) Information gathering and consultees**

The working group has requested the following information:

An overview of current poverty and homelessness levels in the borough  
A detailed understanding of partnership provision and levels of positive impact  
Opportunities and threats to provision

What are the main questions to be asked and of what parties?

- What are the main issues of hardship in Gedling?
- To what extent is rural poverty an issue in Gedling?
- What are the main drivers for debt and hardship?
- Where are the key points of intervention?
- How are services promoted?
- What resources are available?
- Who are our partners?
- What extra resources might be drawn in?
- What are the gaps in provision?
- What are the barriers to access to existing provision?
- What is the impact of youth homelessness on the youth service?

- Elizabeth House – an update on how this facility is benefitting the area
- How can GBC help agencies to extend/maximise their services in Gedling?

The working group will be inviting the following persons/organisations to one or more meetings to help with the review:

- Alison Bennett, Service Manager, Housing and Localities
- Framework
- Nottingham Housing Advice Service
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Adult Social Care
- NHS/Police?

### **Visits**

The working group might need to consider:

A visit to Elizabeth House

### **(4) How the community will be consulted, informed and involved**

The working group wishes to consult through:

Partnership networks

### **(5) Equality of opportunity**

The following Equality Impact Assessment method will be applied

N/A

### **(6) Resources**

The working group is supported by:

Senior Members Services Officer

### **(6) How the effectiveness of the review will be measured**

Progress on the recommendations of the review will be subject to follow up at an agreed point to be set by the Overview Scrutiny Committee.