

Norwich City Council
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Item No 10

REPORT for meeting to be held on 14 December 2017

Access to justice recommendations

Summary: This reports details the main points the committee discussed at the November meeting on access to justice.

Conclusions: This report summarises the key points regarding access to justice based on the November committee meeting and the evidence provided by the five speakers.

Recommendation: That the scrutiny committee considers the evidence provided at both the November meeting, and this meeting, to identify possible solutions and to consider any recommendations they may wish to make.

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Report

1. At the meeting on 23 November 2017, the scrutiny committee heard evidence from a number of groups regarding access to justice. The speakers were:

Janka Rodziewicz – Norfolk Community Advice Network (NCAN)

Gareth Thomas - Director of the UEA Law Clinic, and as a trustee of the Eastern Legal Support Trust

Judi Lincoln – Norfolk Community Law Service (NCLS)

Sue Bailey – President of the Law Society

2. The full minutes of the meeting are published on the council's website at this link;

<https://cmis.norwich.gov.uk/live/Meetingscalendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/408/Committee/4/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

3. Members are asked to consider all the evidence from this meeting and to formulate any recommendations they may have.