

# Supplementary Committee Agenda



## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 15th April, 2010**

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Committee Secretary:** Simon Hill, Senior Democratic Services Officer, The Office of the Chief Executive  
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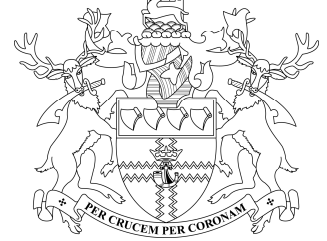
### **15. WORK PROGRAMME MONITORING (Pages 3 - 8)**

#### **(c) Reserve Programme**

Please find attached requests from Councillors Wagland, Frankel and the Cabinet for extra scrutiny reviews by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, standing Panels or Task and Finish Panel.

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## Request by Member for Scrutiny Review 2010/11 Work Programme



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Proposers Name:</b> Lesley Wagland	<b>Date of Request:</b> 28/2/10
<b>Supporting Councillors (if any):</b>	
<b>Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:</b>  BT Broadband access and speeds for the Epping Forest District Area. (Note: although other providers exist, most difficulties appear to result from distances from exchanges operated by BT).	
<b>NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Public Interest Justification:</b>  Since social inclusion, economic development and educational and technical advancement are heavily dependent on widespread high speed Broadband; why are parts of the District poorly served with, according to BT, no prospect of improvement?	

<b>Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:</b>	
See above	
<b>Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):</b>	
Not known	
<b>Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)</b>	
Not Known	
<b>Office Use:</b>	
<b>Pick score:</b>	<b>Considered By OSCC:</b>

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2009/10 Work Programme**



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<b>Proposers Name:</b> Roland Frankel	<b>Date of Request</b> 12 April 2010
<b>Supporting Councillors (if any):</b> Cllr Janet Whitehouse      Cllr Derek Jacobs Cllr Peter Spencer          Cllr Ann Haigh	
<b>Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:</b>  Powers used by the Utilities to work on the Public Highway.  It appears that the “privatised” utilities are able to organise works to minimise their costs, leaving excavations unattended and unfinished at the expense of the environment, travelling public and businesses.	
<p align="center"><b>NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION</b></p>	
<b>Public Interest Justification:</b>  On many occasions it can be seen that traffic controls are left in place for days when no workers are present.  This can even be on busy roads causing congestion and inconveniencing the public.	

**Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:**

The congestion caused damage to the environment from vehicle emissions particularly stop/start traffic. It is costing road users money in time wasted on journeys and fuel wasted.

The cost to businesses and shops in the area due to delays in van deliveries and customers not able to access towns.

Damage is caused to roads and is not fully repaired until the road is resurfaced.

**Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):**

Not known but current procedures do not appear to be effective.

**Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)**

Report to Local Highways but no further work planned.

**Office Use:**

**Pick score:**

**Considered By OSCC:**

## **O&S WORK REQUEST:**

### **EXTRACT FROM THE CABINET DECISION LIST FROM CABINET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 2010**

#### **ESSEX CHILDREN'S TRUST**

##### **Decision:**

(1) That, following consideration of the Essex Children's Trust Memorandum of Agreement, the Council's Chief Executive not be authorised to sign it on behalf of the Council;

(2) That a letter be written to Essex County Council explaining the Council's position in respect of Children's Services and including the following particular points:

(a) the Council would continue to meet its statutory obligations for safeguarding children;

(b) the Council would be pleased to be an active partner with Essex County Council;

(c) the Council would spread best practice where appropriate; and

(d) the Council would not be signing the proposed Memorandum of Agreement as it was not the right time and further details were required; and

(3) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to establish a Task & Finish Panel to investigate the Council's approach to Children's Services and its provision throughout the District.

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