

Select Committee Agenda



Stronger Communities Select Committee Tuesday, 15th June, 2021

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Stronger Communities Select Committee**, which will be held at:

Conference Suite - Civic Offices
on **Tuesday, 15th June, 2021**
at **7.00 pm** .

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Members:

Councillors J Lea (Chairman), R Balcombe (Vice-Chairman), H Brady, I Hadley, S Murray, C Nweke, D Plummer, S Rackham, J H Whitehouse, K Williamson and D Wixley

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE: 6.00PM

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

The Chairman will read the following announcement:

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

5. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 40)

To agree the notes of the meeting of the Select Committee held on 30 March 2021 and 22 April 2021.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE & WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 41 - 44)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have agreed the Terms of Reference and the previous years work programme for this Select Committee. Members are invited at each meeting to review both documents.

7. THE SOCIAL HOUSING WHITE PAPER (Pages 45 - 52)

To consider the attached report on the Social White Paper.

8. OUR NEW APPROACH TO RESIDENTS INVOLVEMENT

D Fenton to update on the new approach to residents involvement.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATE (Pages 53 - 56)

To consider the attached report updating on ‘what our customers are telling us’ and the Customer Strategy.

10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Exclusion: To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exempt</u>	<u>Information</u>
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		Paragraph Number
11	Waltham Community & Cultural Hub	Abbey 3

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Confidential Items Commencement: Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers: Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.

11. WALTHAM ABBEY COMMUNITY & CULTURAL HUB (Pages 57 - 172)

To consider the attached report to create of a Community and Cultural Hub in Waltham Abbey.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that the next meeting of the Select Committee will be held at 7.00pm on 21 September 2021.