



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 26th February 2025

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**, which will be held at:

Council Chamber - Civic Offices
on **Wednesday 26th February 2025** at **7.00 pm**

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SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE: 6.00PM

This meeting will be broadcast live and recorded for repeated viewing.

1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

This meeting is to be webcast and the Chairman will read the following announcement:

“I would like to remind everyone that this meeting will be filmed live or recorded, and uploaded to the internet and will be capable of repeated viewing.

Therefore, by participating in this meeting, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings.

If any public speakers on MS Teams do not wish to have their image captured, they should ensure that their video setting throughout the meeting is turned off and set to audio only.

Members and public speakers are reminded to turn on their microphones before speaking and turn them off when they have finished.”

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To be announced at the meeting.

To report non-attendance before the meeting, please use the Members Portal webpage https://eppingforestdc-self.achieveservice.com/service/Member_Contact to ensure your query is properly logged.

Alternatively, you can access the Members portal from the front page of the Council's website, at the bottom under 'Contact Us'
<https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/your-council/members-portal/>

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.

In considering whether to declare a pecuniary or a non-pecuniary interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are requested to pay particular attention to paragraph (11) of the Code in addition to the more familiar requirements.

This requires the declaration of a non-pecuniary interest in any matter before Overview & Scrutiny which relates to a decision of or action by another Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council, a Joint Committee or Joint Sub-Committee in which the Council is involved and of which the Councillor is also a Member.

Paragraph (11) of the Code of Conduct does not refer to Cabinet decisions or attendance at an Overview & Scrutiny meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

5. MINUTES (Pages 6 - 11)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 January 2025.

6. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

To consider any matters arising and outstanding actions from the minutes of the previous meeting(s) that are not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Democratic & Electoral Services Team Manager) To receive questions submitted by members of the public and any requests to address the Committee, in accordance with Article 6 (Overview and Scrutiny) of the Council's Constitution.

(a) Public Questions

Members of the public may ask questions of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee at ordinary meetings of the Committee, in accordance with the procedure set out in the Constitution.

(b) Requests to address the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Any member of the public or a representative of another organisation may address the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on any agenda item (except those dealt with in private session as exempt or confidential business), due to be considered at the meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS - CALL-IN

To consider any matter referred to the Committee for decision in relation to a call-in, in accordance with Article 6 (Overview and Scrutiny) of the Council's Constitution.

9. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT - UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PAS REPORT (Pages 12 - 14)

To consider the attached report on the progress of the PAS recommendations in development management.

10. ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE – QUARTER 3 OUTTURN AND PRIORITY PROJECTS UPDATE (Pages 15 - 38)

To consider and comment on the organisational performance and priority project report.

11. ESSEX PROCUREMENT PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE PAPERS – APPROVAL AND ADOPTION (Pages 39 - 135)

To consider and comment on the attached Essex Procurement Partnership Report.

12. EFDC ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY (Pages 136 - 147)

To consider and provide comment on the attached anti-social behaviour report.

13. SMOKE CONTROL AREA REVIEW (Pages 148 - 159)

To consider and comment on the proposal for a review of the Districts Smoke Control Areas.

14. CCTV STRATEGY (Pages 160 - 172)

To consider and comment on the CCTV Strategy.

15. CHAIRMEN TO REPORT ON THEIR SELECT COMMITTEE BUSINESS (Pages 173 - 175)

(Chairmen of the Select Committees) To report to the meeting on progress against achievement of the current work programme.

For information: the current work programme for each select committee is attached as an appendix to this agenda.

16. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 176 -

178)

Progress towards the achievement of the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is reviewed at each meeting.

17. CABINET BUSINESS (Pages 179 - 190)

Recommendation:

That the Committee review the Executive’s current programme of Key Decisions to enable the identification of appropriate matters for the overview and scrutiny work programme and the overview of specific decisions proposed to be taken over the period of the plan.

Article 6 (Overview and Scrutiny) of the Constitution requires that the Committee review the Executive’s programme of Key Decisions (the Cabinet Forward Plan) at each meeting, to enable the identification of appropriate matters for the overview and scrutiny work programme and to provide an opportunity for the overview of specific decisions proposed to be taken over the period of the plan.

The Executive’s current programme of Key Decisions is attached.

18. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Exclusion

(Democratic & Electoral Services Team Manager) 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):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
Nil	Nil	Nil

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.

Background Papers

(Democratic & Electoral Services Team Manager) Article 17 - 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 and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political

advisor.

The Council will make available for public inspection for four years after the date of the meeting one copy of each of the documents on the list of background papers.