

## Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



### ***Environmental and Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Thursday, 20th October, 2005***

**Place:** Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.30 pm

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**Members:**

Councillors D Stallan (Chairman), M Woollard (Vice-Chairman), Mrs M Boatman, Mrs D Borton, D Kelly, A Lee, P McMillan, T Richardson, Mrs M Sartin and Mrs P Smith

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)**

(Head of Research and Democratic Services) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

(Head of Research and Democratic Services). To declare interests in any items on the agenda.

In considering whether to declare a personal or a prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct, Overview & Scrutiny members are asked pay particular attention to paragraph 11 of the Code in addition to the more familiar requirements.

This requires the declaration of a personal and prejudicial interest in any matter before an OS Committee 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 does not refer to Cabinet decisions or attendance at an OS meeting

purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

**4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 13 SEPTEMBER 2005 (Pages 5 - 8)**

Attached.

**5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 10)**

**Recommendations:**

**To consider and allocate reporting deadlines to the following items:**

**(a) Re – Use of Buildings in the Green Belt – Transport Study**

**(b) DEFRA – ‘Cleaner Neighbourhoods’ Consultation**

(Chairman/Lead Officer) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed the Terms of Reference of this Panel and associated Work Programme. This is attached. The Panel are asked at each meeting to review both documents.

At its last meeting, the Panel considered the review on the Re – use of Buildings in the Green Belt and requested that a transport study be undertaken. The study will form part of the evidence base for the Council’s Local Development Framework and therefore is a future rather than an imminent task. The Panel are invited to allocate a timescale to this review to inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of future commitments.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that a study of the DEFRA Cleaner Neighbourhoods initiative be added to this Panel’s Terms of Reference. The Panel are asked to allocate a timescale to this and adjust the plan accordingly.

**6. WEST ESSEX WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 11 - 14)**

(Head of Environmental Services) To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 28 September 2005.

**7. EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN - EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC**

Head of Planning and Economic Development to report.

A copy of the Council’s initial statement to the examination has been placed in the Members Room.

**8. LOCAL PLAN AND SCHEME**

Head of Planning and Economic Development to report.

**9. REPORTS TO BE MADE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

To consider which reports are ready to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny

Committee at its next meeting.

**10. FUTURE MEETINGS**

To consider the forward programme of meeting dates for the Panel.