

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Environmental and Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Tuesday, 16th January, 2007

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors Mrs P Smith (Chairman), D Kelly (Vice-Chairman), D Bateman, Mrs D Borton, Mrs A Cooper, D Jacobs, A Lee, G Mohindra, Mrs P Richardson, Mrs L Wagland and J Wyatt

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 LAST MEETING - 30 OCTOBER 2006 - ATTACHED (Pages 3 - 10)

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 12)

(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.

6. DRAFT EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN - GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS (Pages 13 - 16)

Recommendation:

To consider and comment on the attached position statement

(Head of Planning and Economic Development). Members will be aware that on 19 December 2006, the Government published its proposed changes to the draft East of England Plan with a deadline for responses of 9 March 2007.

Officers are currently drafting a report to assist the formulation of the Councils response and are seeking the views of the Panel over the issues that need to be raised. The Panel are therefore asked to consider the attached summary and provide comments for inclusion in the report to be circulated on 9 February 2007 for the Member Briefing on 17 February 2007 and the Cabinet on 19 February 2007 which will provide further opportunities to shape the proposals.

Officers will be present to report the current position.

7. 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.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

26 February, 26 April 2007 – 7.30pm CR1