

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Environmental and Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Thursday, 26th April, 2007

Place: 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 - 16 JANUARY 2007 (Pages 5 - 8)

Attached.

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

(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. ISSUES IN RURAL AREAS - FOCUS DAY - 10 MARCH 2007

Head of Planning and Economic Development to report.

7. PARKING ON GRASS VERGES/ PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS (Pages 11 - 28)

Recommendations:

- (1) To note the attached new bids for the 2007/08 work plan;
- (2) To monitor the recommendations of the 2005 Task and Finish Panel on residential parking.

At the last OSC on 5 April 2007, the Committee noted the attached new requests from Councillors for inclusion in the 2007/08 OS work plan.

The Committee agreed it appropriate to refer the work to this Panel and that this should mainly focus on monitoring the recommendations of the 2005 Task and Finish Panel on residential parking (attached with Cabinet minute) with a view to recommending action to ensure they were addressed. It was stressed that the Panel should address the problems from this viewpoint to avoid any duplication of work already carried out by the 2005 Panel which explored the issue of residential parking in some depth as detailed in the attached.

It was agreed that the Panel should report back their findings to the six monthly review of OS work anticipated to be held at its October 2007 meeting. The Panel is asked to determine how they wish to carry out this out and how they might wish to gather evidence for the process. The Panel should also programme this work into their work plan.

8. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 - IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS

Head of Environmental Services to report progress.

A copy of the 'Rogers Review of Local Government Enforcement Priorities' has been placed in the Members Room for information.

9. MINUTES OF WEST ESSEX WASTE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Pages 29 - 34)

To note the last minutes of the Joint Committee held on 26 January 2007.

10. 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.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the forward programme of meeting dates for the Panel as follows all at 7.30 pm in CR1.

26 June,
5 September,
29 October,
20 December 2007, 28 February, 23 April 2008