

## **Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda**



### **Services for Older People and Disabled People Task and Finish Panel Tuesday, 5th September, 2006**

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

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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#### **Members:**

Councillors Mrs S Perry (Chairman), Mrs J H Whitehouse (Vice-Chairman), D Bateman, Mrs A Cooper, Mrs A Grigg, P House, D Kelly, P Turpin and K Wright

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 20 JULY 2006**

To agree the notes of the last meeting (to be circulated separately).

#### **3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(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.

## **5. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 3 - 4)**

Since the last meeting of the panel, the Chairman (Councillor S. Parry) and Vice Chairman (Councillor J. Whitehouse) have met with the Joint Chief Executive Committee to review the terms of reference. This was done in recognition of the wide scale nature of the topics which could potentially be covered by this Panel and the need to put some reasonable and realistic constraints on the process if the topic was to be manageable within the task and finish process. A revised draft of the terms of reference are attached for consideration and approval.

## **6. FEEDBACK**

Feedback on member visit since the last meeting – it is understood these include:-

- Epping Forest Sheltered Housing Forum
- Careline/Parsonage Court Day Club
- Older People's Advisory Group
- Others?

## **7. REVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

To note the attached schedules and to identify any areas where the panel would like further information:-

Annex 1	Environmental Services
Annex 2	Financial Services
Annex 3	Housing Services
Annex 4	Leisure Services
Annex 5	Supporting People Briefing Note

These annexes are available from Committee Section for none members of the Panel.

## **8. REVIEW OF SERVICES**

Review of services provided by voluntary action Epping Forest and other previous suppliers via the council's grant aid scheme.

To note the attached schedule (Annex 6 for Panel members) and to identify any areas where the panel would like further information.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To be agreed.

**Term of Reference:**

- (1) To look at the services for older people provided by the district council.
- (2) To look at the services for older people provided through the voluntary sector and in particular voluntary action Epping Forest.
- (3) Look at the criteria for these services.
- (4) Look at any changes made for these services
- (5) Identify any gaps
- (6) Consider issues in relation to transport.
- (7) Consider the implications of the Disability Quality Duty for the district council and the council's proposed response.

**Aims and Objectives of Review:**

1. To co-opt Kay Ellis, Chairman of the Joint Management Team for Older Peoples Services, onto the panel.
2. To find out what services are provided by the district council, Voluntary Action Epping Forest and if there are any difficulties in accessing these services; if there are any gaps; and are they adequately funded and advertised.
3. To confirm if the council complies with the December 2006 section of the Disabled Discrimination Act that states that public bodies must anticipate problems and encourage the involvement of disabled people in public life.
4. To make any recommendations that identified the need for extra spending by 18 September 2006 in order to meet the deadline for the budget fixing round for next year.
5. To find out about the specialist transport on offer, and about the Taxi Card System offered by other councils.
6. To investigate the use of bus passes and the relevance to the availability busses.

TASK AND FINISH PANEL PLANNING FORM: Services for Older People and Disabled People

**Key Issues:**

<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Commencement</b>		22 June 2006
<b>Finish</b>	December 2006	
<b>Report</b>	January 2007	