

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Environmental and Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Wednesday, 5th September, 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 Bateman (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A Cooper, R Bassett, R Frankel, P House, J Knapman, Mrs P Richardson, H Ulkun, Mrs L Wagland and M Woollard

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 HELD ON 26 JUNE 2007 (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider the notes of the last meeting (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. NAZEING FOCUS DAY - FINAL REPORT AND ACTION PLAN (Pages 11 - 12)

(Head of Planning and Economic Development). To consider the attached report.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE (Pages 13 - 16)

(Head of Environmental Services). To consider the attached report.

8. PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREA/REVIEW OF LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (Pages 17 - 44)

(Head of Environmental Services). To consider the attached report.

9. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 - SUB - GROUP

Recommendation:

To consider whether to set up a Sub-Group on the above matters and if supported determine the membership and remit of the work for consideration by the OSC.

The Panel will recall that at the 26 April 2007 meeting, it was proposed that a Sub – Group of Members be set up to consider the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and the Rogers Review of Enforcement Priorities.

The aim was to consider the matters relevant to the Council and make recommendations on how they could be pursued. Officers will be in attendance to elucidate this.

Since that time, an item was circulated in the Council Bulletin seeking Members for this Sub – Group. In response, Councillors Mrs J H Whitehouse and K Angold – Stephens put themselves forward.

The Panel now need to decide on whether there is sufficient interest in this approach and, if so, identify the remit of the review, a reporting deadline and the membership of the Sub-Group . They should also consider the support this may require and submit proposals to the OSC on all of these matters for endorsement.

Otherwise the Panel will need to identify an alternative course of action for this work.

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10. WEST AREA JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 15 AUGUST 2007 (Pages 45 - 50)

To consider the minutes of last meeting of the Joint Committee held on 15 August 2007 (Attached).

11. 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.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

To Panel is next due to meet on 29 October at 7.30 in Committee Room 1 and then on 20 December 2007, 28 February 2008 and 23 April 2008.