

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Environmental and Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Thursday, 28th February, 2008

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, G Pritchard, Mrs P Richardson, H Ulkun, Mrs L Wagland and M Woollard

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). 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 (Pages 3 - 6)

Attached.

5. VOSA PRESENTATION

To receive a presentation from the Vehicle Inspection Agency (VOSA).

At a recent meeting, the Panel gave further consideration to their review of the Nazeing Focus Day. During this, they requested to hear from VOSA to gain their views on the issues and how they may be eased. Specifically it was suggested this cover:

- the processes for issuing HGV Operators' licenses,
- the remit and legal limits of VOSA's authority
- the limits of the grounds for valid objections.

Consequently a representative of VOSA will be attending this meeting to consider these issues and wider issues regarding this review.

6. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 7 - 8)

Attached.

7. LOCAL BETTER REGULATION OFFICE - DRAFT STRATGEY 2008-2011 (Pages 9 - 12)

Report Attached.

8. 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.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

23 April 2008 – 7.30 pm