



# Epping Forest District Council

## **CABINET** **Monday, 9th March, 2009**

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Democratic Services Officer:** Gary Woodhall ( The Office of the Chief Executive)  
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Members:

Councillors Mrs D Collins (Leader of the Council) (Chairman), C Whitbread (Finance and Performance Management Portfolio Holder) (Vice-Chairman), R Bassett, M Cohen, Mrs A Grigg, Mrs H Harding, Mrs M Sartin, D Stallan and Ms S Stavrou

**PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME OF THE MEETING  
THE COUNCIL HAS AGREED REVISED PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF  
CABINET MEETINGS. BUSINESS NOT CONCLUDED BY 10.00 P.M. WILL, AT THE  
DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN, STAND REFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING OR  
WILL BE VOTED UPON WITHOUT DEBATE**

### **1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION**

- (a) This meeting is to be webcast;
- (b) Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking; and
- (c) the Chairman will read the following announcement:

“I would like to remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live to the Internet and will be capable of subsequent repeated viewing, with copies of the recording being made available for those that request it.

By being present at this meeting, it is likely that the recording cameras will capture your image and this will result in your image becoming part of the broadcast.

You should be aware that this may infringe your human and data protection rights. If you have any concerns then please speak to the Webcasting Officer.

Please could I also remind Members to activate their microphones before speaking.”

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To declare interests in any item on this agenda.

**4. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the last two meetings of the Cabinet held on 19 January 2009 and 5 February 2009, both previously circulated.

**5. REPORTS OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

To receive oral reports from Portfolio Holders on current issues concerning their Portfolios, which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To answer questions asked by members of the public after notice in accordance with the motion passed by the Council at its meeting on 19 February 2008 (minute 102 refers) on any matter in relation to which the Cabinet has powers or duties or which affects the District.

**7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

To consider any matters of concern to the Cabinet arising from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, together with paragraphs (6) and (24) of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require that the permission of the Chairman be obtained, after prior notice to the Chief Executive, before urgent business not specified in the agenda (including a supplementary agenda of which the statutory period of notice has been given) may be transacted.

In accordance with Operational Standing Order 6 (non-executive bodies), any item raised by a non-member shall require the support of a member of the Committee concerned and the Chairman of that Committee. Two weeks' notice of non-urgent items is required.

**9. INJUNCTION COSTS - THE MEADOWS, WALTHAM ROAD, LONG GREEN, NAZEING (Pages 7 - 10)**

(Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-097-2008/09).

**10. SPRINGFIELDS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT Q4 2008/09 (Pages 11 - 14)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-098-2008/09).

**11. SHARED OWNERSHIP SCHEMES - APPROACH IN THE CURRENT MARKET**

**(Pages 15 - 20)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-099-2008/09).

**12. EPPING FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL COMPACT (Pages 21 - 34)**

(Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-101-2008/09).

**13. REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND TRUCK CONVERSIONS 2009/10 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE SECTION (Pages 35 - 38)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-102-2008/09).

**14. CONTINUATION OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP GRANTS SCHEME (Pages 39 - 42)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-103-2008/09).

**15. LOUGHTON BROADWAY TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME - UPDATE (Pages 43 - 46)**

(Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-105-2008/09).

**16. HOME OWNERSHIP STAFFING RESOURCES (Pages 47 - 50)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-106-2008/09).

**17. INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (Pages 51 - 64)**

(Environment Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-085-2008/09).

**18. BUILDING CONTROL FEES & CHARGES 2009/10 (Pages 65 - 80)**

(Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-107-2008/09).

**19. ESSEX LOCALISM INITIATIVE - LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL (Pages 81 - 106)**

(Civil Engineering & Maintenance Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-100-2008/09).

**20. GAS METERING - NINEFIELDS, WALTHAM ABBEY (Pages 107 - 118)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-104-2008/09).

**21. SICKNESS ABSENCE (Pages 119 - 128)**

(Corporate Support & ICT Services Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-108-2008/09)

**22. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CONSULTATION ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY (Pages 129 - 132)**

(Corporate Support & ICT Services Portfolio Holder) To consider a report from the Constitution & Member Services Scrutiny Panel on a recent Government consultation document concerning possible changes in the Local Government Publicity Code (C-109-2008/09).

Suggested responses were submitted to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee but these were not accepted and the consultation document was therefore referred to a special meeting of the Scrutiny Panel on 23 February for more detailed consideration. The Committee has agreed to the Scrutiny Panel making a report to the Cabinet as requested by the Leader of the Council and for the result of the review by both bodies being sent to the Department of Communities & Local Government before the closing date. The closing date for submission of comments is 12 March 2009.

**23. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - FIVE YEAR FORECAST (Pages 133 - 138)**

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-110-2008/09).

**24. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**Exclusion:** To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
Nil	Nil	Nil

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Confidential Items Commencement:** Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted

for report rather than decision.

**Background Papers:** Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.