

Scrutiny Task and Finish Panel Agenda



Provision of Value for Money within Planning Services Task and Finish Panel Monday, 21st January, 2008

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors Mrs L Wagland (Chairman), R Bassett, M Colling, R Frankel, D Jacobs,
P McMillan, G Mohindra, R Morgan, Mrs P Richardson and H Ulkun

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. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(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 - 3 DECEMBER 2007 (Pages 3 - 8)

Attached.

At the last meeting the Panel requested information on the implications of a three weekly cycle for the Area Plans Committees.

The OSC is currently reviewing this issue and is due to receive a further report at its next meeting. All Members will receive a copy of this information when produced on the agenda.

The Panel also requested information on the Development Control Process from start to finish which is attached.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE/ WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 12)

Attached.

6. IT PRESENTATION

To receive a presentation from Dan Evans of MVM, the originators of the new IT systems, and Malcolm Baker from Terraquest, the implementors of the systems.

It is anticipated that the representatives will describe what has been done and what will be done with Planning's IT. They will also be able to compare performance against other areas and experience with past projects.

The session will also provide an opportunity for questions.

7. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF PLANNING SERVICES - UPDATE OF DOCUMENT

To received a progress report on the above.

8. CONSULTATION ARRANGMENTS - PLANNING AGENTS, APPLICANTS, LOCAL COUNCILS ETC

To agree arrangements for this exercise.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed.