

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Planning Services Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 12th March, 2009

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

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors Mrs L Wagland (Chairman), K Chana (Vice-Chairman), A Boyce, M Colling, Mrs A Cooper, R Frankel, J Hart, Mrs C Pond, W Pryor, P Spencer and H Ulkun

A BRIEFING FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL WILL BE HELD AT
7.00 PM PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(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 of the agenda.

In considering whether to declare a personal or a prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct, Overview and Scrutiny members are asked to 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 Overview and Scrutiny 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 Overview and Scrutiny meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

4. NOTES FROM THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

To agree the notes of the last meeting held on 12 February 2009 (attached).

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 11 - 12)

The Terms of Reference are attached.

6. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 13 - 16)

The Work Programme is attached.

7. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SCOPING REPORT (Pages 17 - 20)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development). To note the attached report.

8. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) UPDATE (Pages 21 - 22)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development). To note the attached report.

9. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK TIMELINE (Pages 23 - 24)

Go East have responsibilities for monitoring overall progress on such documents, and recently introduced a new template for highlighting this. Officers from EFDC, Harlow and East Herts have formulated the attached response for discussion with Go East, but this is the most detailed and brief summary of the position, and this is attached.

10. IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 25 - 32)

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

11. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN

Report to follow.

12. STAFFING UPDATE

Update on current staffing situation.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

This is the last meeting of the Panel for this current year. The Panel will next meet on Thursday 18 June 2009 and then on the following dates:

Tuesday 8 September 2009;
Tuesday 10 November 2009;
Tuesday 5 January 2010; and
Thursday 11 February 2010

