

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Constitution and Members Services Scrutiny Standing Panel Monday, 23rd February, 2009

Place: Committee Room 1

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors Mrs M McEwen (Chairman), R Morgan (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, J Demetriou, Ms J Hedges, J Markham, J Philip, B Rolfe, Mrs M Sartin, D Stallan and Mrs J H Whitehouse

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 (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. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 3 - 4)

(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.

The OSC is about to formulate next years OS work plan incorporating a programme for this Panel. In view of this, the Panel may wish to bring forward suggestions/ideas on topics for inclusion in its work programme for next year.

5. CONSULTATION ON PUBLICITY CODE (Pages 5 - 40)

To consider the attached Government Consultation Document and to formulate a response to the 16 questions in the document.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has authorised this Panel to report direct to the Cabinet meeting on 9 March 2009 so that the latter also has an opportunity to comment.

The closing date for representations is 12 March 2009.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the Panel is on 6 April 2009 at 7.30p.m.