

***CABINET
Monday, 16th November, 2009***

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

Time: 7.00 pm

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Members:

Councillors Mrs D Collins (Leader of the Council) (Chairman), C Whitbread (Finance & Economic Development Portfolio Holder) (Vice-Chairman), R Bassett, M Cohen, B Rolfe, 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 meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 October 2009 (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. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CABINET COMMITTEE - 9 NOVEMBER 2009

(The Leader of Council) To consider the minutes from the meeting of the Local Development Framework Cabinet Committee held on 9 November 2009 and any recommendations therein (report to follow).

10. CONTINUED USE OF COUNSEL - MARK BEARD (Pages 7 - 10)

(Legal & Estates Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-043-2009/10).

11. LIMES FARM HALL (Pages 11 - 28)

(Leisure & Wellbeing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-044-2009/10).

12. FUNDING ISSUES - CONSERVATION & TOWN CENTRES OFFICERS (Pages 29 - 32)

(Finance & Economic Development Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-045-2009/10).

13. RESTRUCTURE OF COMBINED REPAIRS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKS UNIT (Pages 33 - 46)

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-046-2009/10).

14. STAFFING RESOURCES IN THE DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Pages 47 - 52)

(Environment Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-047-2009/10).

15. MANAGING ABSENCE PROCEDURE (Pages 53 - 66)

(Performance Management Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-048-2009/10).

16. PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES - CIVIC OFFICES, OTHER OPERATIONAL BUILDINGS & COMMERCIAL PROPERTY 2010/11 TO 2013/14 (Pages 67 - 84)

(Performance Management Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-049-2009/10).

17. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2009-14 (Pages 85 - 112)

(Finance & Economic Development Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-050-2009/10).

18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (Pages 113 - 116)

(Performance Management Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-051-2009/10).

19. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING TEAM REVIEW (Pages 117 - 122)

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-052-2009/10).

20. RE-DESIGN OF THE EPPING FOREST CARELINE PREMISES EXTENSION (Pages 123 - 126)

(Housing Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-054-2009/10).

21. ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING SCANNED PLANNING FILES (Pages 127 - 132)

(Environment Portfolio Holder) To consider the attached report (C-055-2009/10).

22. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESSExclusion

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.