

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 4th March, 2010

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

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors R Morgan (Chairman), K Angold-Stephens (Vice-Chairman), M Colling, A Green, Mrs A Grigg, Mrs A Haigh, D Jacobs, J Knapman, R Law, G Mohindra and Mrs L Wagland

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

1. This meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking.
2. The Chairman will read the following announcement:

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)

Decisions required:

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 January 2010.

5. 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.

6. NORTH EAST LONDON HEALTH SERVICES - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT. (Pages 17 - 72)

Decision required:

To consider the response to be made to the Consultation document on North East London Health services

1. To receive a presentation on the Consultation Document on the North East London Health Services (attached). Helen Brown, Programme Director of Health for

North East London has been invited to attend.

2. Kirsty Boettcher, Deputy Director from the West Essex PCT, John Carr from Essex Link, Councillor B Sandler our representative on the NE London consultation process and County Councillor Chris Pond, the County Representative on the London Joint Health Scrutiny Committee have also been invited to attend the meeting and contribute to the discussion.

3. The Consultation document seeks comments on a number of questions outlined from page 45 of the consultation documents onwards. Members may wish to answer these questions or formulate a response based upon issues raised by members at the meeting. In any event, responses are required to be made by 8 March 2010.

7. HEALTH INEQUALITIES PRESENTATION

To receive a presentation on Health Inequalities by Alison Corrie, Director of Public Health, West Essex Primary Care Trust.

A background report will follow.

8. SCRUTINY OF CABINET FORWARD PLAN (Pages 73 - 112)

Recommendation:

To discuss the Cabinet priorities for the year ahead and the forward work programme for 2010/11.

The Overview and Scrutiny rules state that this Committee should ..'arrange meetings with the Leader and other Portfolio Holders to discuss their plans for the year ahead and... agree with them on any items for inclusion in the work programme which may be undertaken by the Committee on the Cabinets behalf'.

Accordingly attached is the Executives Key Priority Objectives for 2010/11. This report and appendices went to the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Standing Panel on 23 February 2010. Their comments will be verbally reported back to this committee.

9. DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 113 - 158)

To consider the attached report.

The Committee is asked to consider whether they are happy with the draft report (attached) and to make amendments where necessary. Any comments should be submitted to Democratic Services by Friday, 12 March 2010 for inclusion in the final version.

The final report will be submitted to the next meeting on 15 April 2010 for endorsement.

10. WORK PROGRAMME MONITORING (Pages 159 - 184)**(a) Updated Schedule**

The Committee are asked to note the updated schedule.

(b) Progress reports – Standing Panels

The Committee recently agreed that Chairman are asked to attend their meetings to give a progress report on their issues. A list of panels and the Chairman to report is set out below.

Standing Panel**Chairman**

Finance and Performance Management
Housing
Constitution & Member Services
Safer Cleaner Greener
Planning Services

Councillor D Jacobs
Councillor S Murray
Councillor Mrs McEwen
Councillor G Pritchard
Councillor Mrs Wagland

(c) Next Year's Work Programme

The work programme for next year will be considered at the April meeting of this Committee. Members should start thinking of any work they would like the Committee to consider to go into next year's Work Programme and bring it to the April Meeting. A request form is attached.

11. CABINET REVIEW**RECOMMENDATION:**

To consider any items to be raised by the Chairman at the Cabinet meeting on 8 March 2010.

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). Under the Overview and Scrutiny rules the Committee is required to scrutinise proposed decisions of the Executive. The Chairman is also required to report on such discussions to the Cabinet.

The Committee is asked to consider the 8 March 2010 Cabinet agenda (previously circulated) to see whether there are any items that they wished to be raised at the Cabinet meeting.

12. 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
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		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.