

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 30th July, 2009

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

Time: 5.00 pm

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Members:

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), Mrs R Brookes, K Chana, J Collier, D Dodeja, Mrs A Grigg, Mrs J Lea, Mrs P Richardson, Mrs J H Whitehouse and J Wyatt

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. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 14)

To agree the notes of the last meeting held on 23 March 2009.

5. IN TOUCH SUPPORT (Pages 15 - 16)

Gloria Osbourne of "In Touch Support" will be making a presentation at the meeting to discuss their service provision. Approximately one hour is being allowed for the presentation and discussion. The discussion will be followed by a buffet, (approximately half an hour).

6. OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC REVIEW - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION (Pages 17 - 48)

(Director of Housing). To consider the Older People's Strategic Review Draft Recommended Report. J Grainger, Senior Review Officer for Supporting People, will also be present.

7. DRAFT HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY (Pages 49 - 50)

(Director of Housing). To consider the Draft Homelessness Strategy (previously circulated), members are asked to bring along their copies of the draft Homelessness Strategy.

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 51 - 54)

1. Terms of Reference and Work Programme (attached)

(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.

2. Shortage of affordable Housing Within the District.

This item has been brought to the Panel by Councillor Rose Brookes. She would like the Panel to consider how best to deal with the shortage of affordable housing within the District. The Panel are asked to consider if this matter should be included on the Work Programme.

9. HOUSING KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - OUTTURN 2008/09 (Pages 55 - 60)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

10. ETHNIC MONITORING (Pages 61 - 64)

(Director of Housing). To consider the attached report.

11. C.A.R.E. HANDYPERSON SCHEME (Pages 65 - 68)

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached report.

12. REVIEW OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL STRATEGY 2007-2009 (Pages 69 - 84)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

13. REPORTS TO BE MADE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider which reports are ready to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting.

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the Panel will be held on Thursday 29 October 2009 at 5.30p.m.; and then on:

Thursday 21 January 2010 at 5.30p.m.; and

Thursday 25 March 2010 at 5.30p.m.