

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Planning Services Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 18th June, 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, Mrs A Haigh, J Hart, Mrs C Pond, W Pryor, H Ulkun and Mrs P Richardson

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 - 14)

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

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 15 - 16)

The Terms of Reference are attached.

6. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 17 - 20)

The Work Programme is attached.

7. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTURN 2008-09/INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR ALL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Pages 21 - 32)

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

8. BUILDING CONTROL (Pages 33 - 40)

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

9. SUMMARY OF COURSE A PLANNING INVESTIGATION CAN TAKE (Pages 41 - 58)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development). To consider and comment on the attached report and to note the Guide to Enforcement for the Public.

10. STAFFING WITHIN PLANNING ENFORCEMENT (Pages 59 - 64)

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

11. RECRUITMENT TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND POLICY) POST (Pages 65 - 66)

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

12. STAFFING UPDATE

Update on current staffing situation.

13. CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE DISTRICT (Pages 67 - 74)

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

14. IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 75 - 82)

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

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the panel is on 8 September 2009 and thereafter on:

10 November;
5 January 2010;
11 February; and
27 March