

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Planning Services Scrutiny Standing Panel Tuesday, 10th November, 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, Mrs P Richardson and H Ulkun

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 8 September 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 STAFFING RESOURCES (Pages 21 - 24)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development). To consider the attached report. This item had been originally discussed and deferred from the 18 June 2009 meeting of the Panel. If the Panel supports the proposals contained in the report, they should report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting.

Any changes which involve additions to staffing or budgets will require Cabinet approval and, with this in mind, copies of the report have been sent to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet. The timescale involved for these various meetings also requires this.

8. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION - "MINERALS DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT: SITE ALLOCATIONS - ISSUES & OPTIONS PAPER" (Pages 25 - 28)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development). To consider the attached report. This report will be considered by the LDF Cabinet Committee on 9 November 2009. The recommendations of that Committee will be submitted for adoption to the Cabinet meeting on 16 November 2009. It is recognised that the interest of this panel in the report be submitted to OSC and the Cabinet may have an interest and its members should therefore make their comments known to the Cabinet via the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

9. RSS 2031 CONSULTATION (Pages 29 - 36)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development). The EERA consultation is a Government consultation and falls within the ambit of OSC. It is recognized that Cabinet may also wish to comment on the document and with this in mind the Cabinet will be asked if they wish to consent on 16 November 2009, once this Panel has submitted its views to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 November 2009. A single response will then be submitted to EERA.

10. IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 37 - 44)

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

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the panel is on 5 January 2010 and thereafter on:

11 February; and
27 March