



Epping Forest District Council

SAFER, CLEANER, GREENER SCRUTINY STANDING PANEL

Thursday, 25th February, 2010

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

Room: Council Chamber

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors G Pritchard (Chairman), A Boyce (Vice-Chairman), R Barrett, A Clark, M Colling, Miss R Cohen, R Frankel, Ms J Hedges, D Jacobs, R Law and Mrs E Webster

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. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Assistant to 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 LAST MEETING (Pages 3 - 8)

To agree the notes of the last meeting held on 27th October 2009.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY REPORT

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY ROLE – POLICE & JUSTICE ACT 2006

Members will remember that sections 19 and 20 of the Police & Justice Act 2006 have given powers to local authorities to be able to scrutinise the work of CDRPs/SCPs in the same way as they can the Executive and CDRPs/SCPs are now required to invite this scrutiny at least once a year.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered how best to arrange this scrutiny role and concluded that it could best be discharged through the existing Safer, Cleaner, Greener Standing Scrutiny Panel. This Panel in turn decided that it would undertake this important role through allocating two special meetings, the first being in October 2009 and the next being this meeting.

Since this role was a new and untried one, the Panel decided that the first SCP scrutiny meeting should be restricted to topics raised by Members rather than inviting the public at large or other organisations to contribute. At this meeting it is intended to involve a wider audience and although these meetings are open to the public to attend, a more proactive approach has been taken to encourage public involvement.

At the last SCG scrutiny meeting Councillor Mrs Smith said she would like this forum to look at CCTV coverage and the officers duties in what was described as 'CCTV co-ordination', this therefore will be the main subject of discussion. Members of the safer communities' partnership will be present to answer Members questions on this subject and will also be available to answer questions on other topics of concern.

Members will also note that in a later item they will be asked to consider recommending the adoption of the Directorates CCTV code of practice and five year service plan.

6. CCTV SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN (Pages 9 - 62)

To consider the attached report.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The final programmed meeting of the Panel for this year will be held on 29th April 2010.