Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Standing panel Thursday, 23rd July, 2009

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.00 pm

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Members:

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Head of Research and Democratic Services). 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.

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)

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

4. NOTE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 8)

To consider and agree the notes from the meeting of the Panel held on 23 June 2009.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 14)

(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.

6. BIRCHWOOD, HOE LANE, NAZEING (Pages 15 - 18)

At a recent Planning Services Scrutiny Panel, an emergency item was raised regarding events surrounding the above premises. This was the site where the chipping of waste wood takes place. There have been two major fires there in the last six months causing considerable local anxiety.

Attached are the notes from a recent multi-agency meeting to provide some background.

The Planning Services Panel referred this issue of environmental regulatory control to this Panel, with a request that you feedback to their Panel and the parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Panel is asked to consider the implications of these events and any future action that may need to be taken. Officers will furnish reports nearer the time.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the forward programme of meeting dates for the Panel. They are:

1st September 2009; 27th October 2009; 08th December 2009; 25th February 2010; and 29th April 2010.