

## Scrutiny Task and Finish Panel Agenda



### **Sustainable Communities Task and Finish Panel Thursday, 4th February, 2010**

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

**Time:** 7.30 pm

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**Members:**

Councillors J Philip (Chairman), A Boyce, Mrs R Brookes, A Clark, Mrs R Gadsby, A Lion, R Morgan, Mrs P Smith and D Wixley

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(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.

**3. NOTES FROM LAST MEETING (Pages 3 - 6)**

To agree the notes from the last meeting of this Panel, held on 3 December 2009.

**4. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 7 - 8)**

(Chairman/Lead Officer) To note the attached Terms of Reference. The Panel are

asked to review the document at each meeting.

## **5. THE LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE EXPERIENCE**

At their initial meeting, Members of the Panel expressed a desire to meet with representatives of other local authorities who had submitted proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act.

Judith Paterson from the London Borough of Redbridge will be attending to discuss their experience of the following two bids:

- (i) To suspend the requirement for Redbridge Council to publish statutory notices in the London Gazette and instead to publish notices on its award winning website Redbridge-i and Redbridge Life, the Council paper as well as local papers.

This bid has progressed to the shortlist.

- (ii) Introduce a new subsection possibly A1(a), to the Use Class Order to identify a number of coffee shops and take-away food shops currently operating as Use Class A1 establishments.

This bid has not progressed to the shortlist.

A full summary of the shortlist of proposals made under round one of the Sustainable Communities Act is available on the Local Government Association Website :  
[www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelid=561663](http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelid=561663)

Unfortunately, the other representative from Maldon District Council, who was also invited to attend cannot make the date, but has offered to send a briefing note on their experience. At Agenda dispatch, this had yet to be received but will be circulated when available.

## **6. FUTURE MEETINGS**

To consider and agree the date of the next meeting for this Panel.