

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Planning Services Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 2nd September, 2010

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

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors J Philip (Chairman), H Ulkun (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, C Finn, Mrs A Grigg, Mrs S Jones, Mrs M McEwen, J Markham, W Pryor, A Watts and J M Whitehouse

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 3 June 2010 (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. IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 21 - 26)

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

8. STAFFING WITHIN COUNTRYCARE (Pages 27 - 32)

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

9. CONTROVERSIAL PLANNING DECISIONS (Pages 33 - 34)

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

10. SETTING OF 2010-11 PERFORMANCE TARGET FOR LPI45 AND NI157B (Pages 35 - 36)

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

11. CLARIFICATION OF THE PLANNING APPEALS AND THE INSTRUCTING OF COUNSEL REPORT (Pages 37 - 42)

(Director of Planning and Economic Development) To consider the attached report. At Appendix 1 is the original report concerning Planning Appeals and the Instructing of Counsel, submitted to the Panel in June 2010.

12. STAFFING WITHIN PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - FAMILY TREES (Pages 43 - 52)

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

13. THE PLANIT

(Director of Planning and Economic Development)

At the last meeting of the Panel members had requested that the Planning Services Directorate Newsletter The PlanIt should be circulated more widely. If it is intended that the newsletter is to be circulated more widely, then the Editorial position would have to change, or the type of newsletter produced would have to be much more matter of fact, and have much less personal information.

The newsletters produced so far have deliberately been informative, humourous and explain what many individuals are involved in, it is not limited to their work. The Editor is understandably keen to continue to strike that balance; circulation is currently within the Directorate.

14. DATE FOR MEETING WITH PLANNING AGENTS/AMENITY GROUP

(Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development) To receive a verbal report from Mr Nigel Richardson, Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the panel is on Thursday 2 December 2010 at 7.30p.m. in Committee Room 1 and thereafter on:

Thursday 3 March 2011