

# Committee Agenda



**Epping Forest  
District Council**

## **Local Development Framework Cabinet Committee Tuesday, 13th July, 2010**

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

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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### **Members:**

Councillors Mrs D Collins (Chairman), R Bassett, B Rolfe, Mrs M Sartin, Ms S Stavrou and Mrs L Wagland

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**PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME OF THIS MEETING**

### **BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet Committee (previously circulated).

**4. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To note the Terms of reference for the Cabinet Committee, as agreed by the Council on 17 February 2009; minute 113(a) refers.

(1) That a Local Development Framework Cabinet Committee be appointed with the following terms of reference:

(a) To oversee and submit recommendations to the Cabinet as appropriate on:

(i) the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF);

- (ii) the preparation of the Core Strategy including agreement of consultation stages and documentation, and the responses that should be made to any representations received;
  - (iii) the preparation of other Development Plan Documents including agreement of consultation stages and documentation, and the responses that should be made to any representations received;
  - (iv) the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents including agreement of consultation stages and documentation, and the responses that should be made to any representations received; and
  - (v) the revision of the Local Development Scheme and monitoring the achievement of milestones;
- (b) To consider and provide input to consultants' reports which contribute to the establishment of an up-to-date evidence base to influence preparation of the LDF;
- (c) To consider options for joint or coordinated working with other councils, which best meet the needs of this District, as required by the East of England Plan and (where relevant) the London Plan and to make recommendations to the Cabinet thereon;
- (d) To consider the comprehensive review of the East of England Plan, and make recommendations to the Cabinet on any responses to be made;
- (e) To liaise with the Planning Services Scrutiny Standing Panel as appropriate; and
- (f) To work within the budgetary provision for the LDF, as approved by the Cabinet and the Council.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, together with paragraphs (6) and (24) of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution requires that the permission of the Chairman be obtained, after prior notice to the Chief Executive, before urgent business not specified in the agenda (including a supplementary agenda of which the statutory period of notice has been given) may be transacted.

In accordance with Operational Standing Order (6) (non-executive bodies), any item raised by a non-member shall require the support of a member of the Cabinet Committee and the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee. Two weeks' notice of non-urgent items is required.

## **6. TOWN CENTRES STUDY (Pages 5 - 10)**

(Director of Planning & Economic Development) To consider the attached report (LDF-005-2010/11).

**7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 11 - 28)**

(Director of Planning & Economic Development) To consider the attached report (LDF-006-2010/11).

**8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM**

(Director of Planning & Economic Development) To provide a verbal update on any information received from the Government at the meeting.

**9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**Exclusion

To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exempt Information Paragraph Number</b>
Nil	Nil	Nil

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Confidential Items Commencement

Paragraph (9) of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00pm at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers

Paragraph (8) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and

- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.