

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Standing Panel Tuesday, 10th April, 2012

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

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors Mrs M Sartin (Chairman), Mrs C Pond (Vice-Chairman), K Avey, W Breare-Hall, Mrs T Cochrane, Ms Y Knight, A Mitchell MBE, G Mohindra, P Spencer and Mrs E Webster

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE:

18:30

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 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.

4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 24)

To agree the notes of the last meeting held on 21st February 2012.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 25 - 30)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed the Terms of Reference of this Panel and associated Work Programme, which is attached. The Panel are asked at each meeting to review both documents.

6. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - UPCOMING CONSULTATION

Recommendation:

To note the upcoming consultation.

Essex County Council (ECC) was made a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. This gave them a strategic role concerning local flooding i.e. flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. They have recognised the importance of partnership in tackling these issues which has led to them setting up the Essex Partnership for Flood Management.

One of the key roles ECC has as a LLFA is to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The strategy is a high-level document which explains the nature of flood risk, the roles of the different stakeholders involved, including householders and the county-wide actions that will be taken to improve knowledge, awareness and decision-making about flood risk in Essex. It does not identify actions for specific areas.

The focus of the document is on local flood risk i.e. flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. It provides some information about coastal and fluvial flooding but this is mainly dealt with by the Environment Agency in its National Strategy which has already been published.

The document does however provide some information about those areas which have been identified as having significant levels of local flood risk by way of a map showing 'Prioritisation of Areas Above Flood Risk Threshold'. In Epping Forest District the map identifies Loughton, Theydon Bois and Roydon as the highest priority areas (or Tier 1), Waltham Abbey as mid-priority (or Tier 2) and other smaller communities, including North Weald, Nazeing and Abridge as low-priority (or Tier 3). This map cannot be used to identify individual properties and it is believed the map is not yet publicly available.

The strategy is due to go through a full public consultation in the near future (date not yet set) and the consultation will be presented to the Safer Cleaner Greener Scrutiny Panel at an appropriate time.

7. REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL (Pages 31 - 36)

(Director Environment and Street Scene) To consider the attached report.

8. UPDATE ON OLYMPIC GAMES ACTIVITY

To receive a verbal update on the activity being undertaken in relation to the Olympic Games and Torch Relay.

9. NORTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP

(Director Environment and Street Scene) To receive a verbal report on the North Essex Parking Partnership.

10. SAFER CLEANER GREENER ACTION PLAN 2012-13 (Pages 37 - 38)

To consider and comment on the attached action plan.

11. SAFER CLEANER GREENER STRATEGY - ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES (Pages 39 - 44)

To note the attached report on recent enforcement activities.

12. IAA MEMBER WORKING GROUP MINUTES OF 3 NOVEMBER 2011. (Pages 45 - 48)

To note the attached set of minutes.

13. WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING - MARCH 2012 (Pages 49 - 54)

To note the attached set of minutes.

14. BOBBINGWORTH TIP LIAISON MEETING MINUTES - 2 NOVEMBER 2011 (Pages 55 - 60)

To note the attached set of draft minutes.

15. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING MINUTES - 25 JANUARY 2012 (Pages 61 - 64)

To note the attached set of minutes.

16. EFDC GREEN CORPORATE WORKING PARTY MINUTES FOR 6 FEBRUARY 2012 (Pages 65 - 66)

No note the attached set of minutes.

17. REPORTS TO BE MADE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider which reports are ready to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting.