



Epping Forest District Council

HOUSING APPEALS AND REVIEW PANEL **Wednesday, 26th October, 2011**

Place: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 2.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors B Rolfe (Chairman), Mrs J Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby, Ms J Hart and Ms Y Knight

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors J Hart and Y Knight.

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 20)

To agree the minutes of the meetings of the Panel held on 8 and 26 September 2011 (attached).

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor J Lea for Councillor Y Knight. Councillor T Cochrane for Councillor J Hart.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

5. 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):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
6	Appeal No.9/2011	1

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 10.00 p.m. 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.

6. APPEAL NO. 9/2011 (Pages 21 - 60)

To consider the attached restricted report.

7. APPEAL NO. 10/2011 (Pages 61 - 82)

To consider the attached restricted report.

8. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To invite the public and press back into the meeting for the remaining item of business.

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PANEL

In the light of consideration of recent appeals concerning Housing Register banding levels, to discuss recommending to the Constitution and Members' Services Scrutiny Panel that such appeals should no longer come within the terms of reference of the Housing Appeals and Review Panel and should be determined by Housing officers.