

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 31st May, 2012

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

Time: 7.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), A Mitchell MBE (Vice-Chairman), K Chana, Mrs A Grigg, Ms J Hart, Mrs S Jones, D Stallan, H Ulkun and Mrs J H Whitehouse

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE:

18:30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. SUBSITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(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 TWO PANEL MEETINGS (Pages 5 - 18)

To agree the notes of the last two meetings of the Panel held on 5 and 13 March 2012 (attached).

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 19 - 20)

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

6. CALL-IN CABINET DECISION ON FIRE SAFETY IN FLAT BLOCKS (Pages 21 - 48)

To consider a call-in of the Cabinet's Decision on 'Fire Safety in Flat Blocks' (C-067-2011/12). Call-in papers and report are attached.

The Committee noted that following further consideration and in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rule 20(3), the Chairman had determined that consideration of the call-in be referred to the Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel as that Panel has previously discussed the matter in detail.

The following documents are attached:

- (a) Report submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 April 2012 – page 21;
- (b) Notification of Call-In – page 25;
- (c) Report to the Cabinet 12 March 2012 – page 27;
- (d) Letter to CLG Rt Hon. B Neill MP 8 July 2011 Appendix 1 – page 36;
- (e) Letter to Councillor J Knapman from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service 18 June 2010 Appendix 2 – page 37;
- (f) Letter to P Pledger, Assistant Director of Housing, from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service 26 December 2011 Appendix 3 – page 39;
- (g) Letter to Councillor J Knapman from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service 2 February 2012 Appendix 4 – page 40;
- (h) Extract from Cabinet Decision Sheet for Cabinet Meeting held on 12 March 2012 – page 41; and
- (i) Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – page 43.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

The following scheduled meetings are listed below:

- (a) Thursday 28 June 2012 at 5.30p.m. Extra-Ordinary Meeting regarding Fire

Safety for Park Homes in the Council Chamber;

- (b) Tuesday 24 July;
- (c) Tuesday 23 October;
- (d) Tuesday 29 January 2013; and
- (e) Tuesday 19 March