

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 16 April 2009

Subject: Department of Communities and Local Government Consultation on Local Authority Publicity



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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To note Epping Forest District Council's response to the invitation to comment on Government proposals for change to the Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

Report:

1. At its meeting on 29 January 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee authorised the Constitution and Member Services Panel to formulate a response to the 16 questions of a Government consultation document concerning proposals to change the Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity. In view of the timetable for response, it was not possible to refer the recommendations of the Panel back to Overview and Scrutiny within the Government deadline for return.
2. At the request of the Leader of Council, Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the Panel findings should be submitted to the Cabinet for inspection prior to final submission on the deadline of 12 March 2009.
3. The full Q & A response of the Constitution and Member Services Panel held on 23 February 2009 and of the Cabinet (9 March 2009, meeting) that were submitted to the government are attached for information.