

Report to Council

Date of meeting: 29 September 2009

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny report to Council – September 2009

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Recommendation:

That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from September 2009 to the present be noted.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 3 September 2009.

1. At our meeting on 3 September, the Committee considered two call-ins. The first call-in the Committee considered was the Cabinet decision on the consideration of rent deferment scheme for shops in Loughton Broadway. This was called in by two separate groups of members,
2. During our discussion, new proposals were put forward by the Portfolio Holder for Legal and Estates, which would mean a 20% rent rebate for an 8 month period. The committee decided to confirm the original cabinet decision on this basis. This was on condition that the Cabinet made every effort to implement the new proposals which we are pleased to note forms a decision of the Cabinet from their meeting on 7 September 2009.
3. The second call-in was on the Feasibility Study on the construction of a new sports hall at the site of the Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool. Upon consideration the Committee again decided to confirm the Cabinet's decision.
4. The Committee noted the report from the Constitution and Members Services Standing Panel on the elections in June 2009 and then considered the report on the 'delegation to officers on planning applications'. They considered that this needed more in depth consideration and have asked the Planning Services Standing Panel to take a closer look at it and report back to the committee in due course.
5. They went on to appoint two new members to the Safer Cleaner Greener Standing Panel, Councillors Boyce and Clark and appointed Councillor Pritchard as the new Chairman with Councillor Boyce as the new Vice Chairman.
6. The Committee has agreed the Terms of Reference for the new Pitt Review Task and Finish Panel and constituted a new Task and Finish Panel to consider the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 which had been referred to the Committee by the Cabinet. Councillor Philip was appointed to be the Chairman of this Panel. Members are to be asked if they wish to sit on the Panel via the Members Bulletin.
7. At our next meeting in October a representative from the Essex Fire and Rescue

Service will be attending to give a short presentation updating members on the state of the service in our area. As always, members are welcome to attend the meeting and ask question of the officers attending. However, as always, we would like questions in advance so that they could be passed on and considered answers be given on the night. If you do have a question, can you send it in to Adrian Hendry or Mark Jenkins in Democratic Services by **Friday 25 September 2009 the latest.**