

Report to Council

Date of meeting: 27 September 2012

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny report to Council – September 2012

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Recommendation:

That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from July 2012 to the present be noted.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 4 September 2012.

1. At our meeting on Tuesday, 4 September 2012, we had a most interesting and informative presentation from Paul Thompson the Superintendant of Epping Forest on the management and the future development of the forest and its facilities. We also had there Judy Adams, the Chairman of Friends of Epping Forest. She gave a short talk on what they did and how they fitted in with the Corporation of London's work in managing the forest. This was followed by a very fruitful question and answer session.

2. We next considered our work programme and a request by Councillor James Hart to review the Licensing Sub Committee, with a view to holding evening meetings and also having them area based. The Committee broadened this out to hold a more general review of the way the licensing system was handled by this authority and agreed to establish a Task and Finish Panel to handle the work. They also agreed that Councillor Penny Smith be appointed Chairman. Two other members volunteered to serve on the Panel; they were Councillor James Hart and Councillor Philip. An item has been put in the Members Bulletin asking if any other member would like to nominate themselves to be part of this Panel.

3. We then reviewed the Cabinet agenda for its meeting on 10 September but there were no specific items that our committee wanted to be brought to their attention except to say that they welcomed that progress was finally being made on the waste management depot at North Weald.

4. The Committee also considered three reports from the Constitution and Member Services Standing Scrutiny Panel. The first report was on Article 11 of the Audit and Governance Committee and alterations to their terms of reference. The Committee made some amendments to the report and the recommendations before it went on to the 27 September Council meeting. We then considered a report on the

Members Complaints Panel and their limits of jurisdiction which we approved without any changes. And finally we considered a report on Substitutions at Meetings, where with one minor amendment we also endorsed the report.