

Select Committee Agenda



Stronger Place Select Committee Tuesday, 12th January, 2021

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Stronger Place Select Committee**, which will be held at:

Virtual Meeting on Zoom
on **Tuesday, 12th January, 2021**
at **7.00 pm** .

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Members:

Councillors S Heather (Chairman), R Morgan (Vice-Chairman), R Bassett, L Burrows, I Hadley, S Heap, J Jennings, S Jones, H Kauffman, C McCredie and J McIvor

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE: 6.00PM

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

This virtual meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to unmute before speaking.

The Chairman will read the following announcement:

“I would like to remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live to the internet (or filmed) and will be capable of repeated viewing (or another use by such third parties). Therefore by participating in this virtual meeting, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting and/or training purposes. If members of the public do not wish to have their image captured they should ensure that their video setting throughout the virtual meeting is turned off and set to audio only.

Please also be aware that if technical difficulties interrupt the meeting that cannot be overcome, I may need to adjourn the meeting.”

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

5. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 14)

To agree the notes of the meeting of the Select Committee held on 29 September 2020.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE & WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 15 - 18)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed the Terms of Reference and work programme for this select committee. Members are invited at each meeting to review both documents (see attached).

7. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (Pages 19 - 44)

To note progress on the emerging Local Plan (report attached).

8. LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

To note the following Leisure Management Contract, performance and progress update.

The Leisure Contract with Places Leisure continues to perform well under testing circumstances. All four leisure centres in the District were closed in March following Government announcement. They reopened in August under strict Covid-19 restrictions which includes a rigorous cleansing regime and restrictions on the number

of users allowed at any one time. Usage during September and October was above expectations however, the centres had to be closed again during the second lockdown in November. The leisure centres re-opened in early December after lockdown 2 but were unable to offer group exercise classes under Tier 3 restrictions. The Tier 4 announcement impacted on leisure facilities.

As a result of closures and reduced/restricted usage the Council has agreed a financial arrangement with Places Leisure. Instead of paying a management fee income Places Leisure are receiving support payment from the Council in advance. A reconciliation process is carried out and payments are adjusted for the subsequent months. This arrangement will continue until the Centres are back in profit and thereafter Council will receive a management fee income. Details of Leisure centre performance and usage data can be viewed in the notes of the previous Leisure Management Partnership Board.

9. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

To note the following Waste Management Contract, performance and progress update.

The Waste Contract has come under pressure due to the restrictions around Covid-19. This includes additional cleaning and disinfecting requirements on operations on the one hand and the increase in waste and recycling collections tonnage on the other as more people are at home. Biffa have done well to collect waste and recycling materials from the residents door steps. Full details of the service performance can be viewed in the notes of the last Waste Management Partnership Board.

10. DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT (DRT)

To note the Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Trial project update.

Following the Cabinet approval on 3 December 2020 which included funding for a three month trial starting from 2 January 2021, this bus service will be operated along the route of the current Bus 87 by Epping Forest Community Transport. An application has been made to the Traffic Commissioner for registering the service. Media releases have been issued, posters have been placed in bus shelters advising users of the new service. NHS and Clinical Commissioning Group will publicise to their staff. On the Council website an expression of interest form has been created. We have already seen residents using the link as well as interest from some members of the EFDC staff.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that future meetings of the Select Committee will be held at 7.00 pm on 29 March 2021.