

EPPING FOREST LOCAL COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Date:** Wednesday, 7th March, 2007

Room: Council Chamber **Time:** 7.30 pm

Democratic Services Officer: Adrian Hendry (tel: 01992 564246)
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Members:

District Council Representatives:

Councillors Mrs A Haigh (Chairman), R Morgan, Mrs C Pond, B Sandler, Mrs J H Whitehouse and Mrs D Borton

Local Council Representatives:

Clerks and Chairmen/Members of Parish and Town Councils

County Council Representatives:

Members for the following divisions:

North Weald and Nazeing:	Councillor A Jackson
Loughton Central:	Councillor C Pond
Ongar and Rural:	Councillor G McEwen
Epping and Theydon Bois:	Councillor T Spencer
Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South:	Councillor C Finn
Chigwell and Loughton Broadway:	Councillor M Tomkins
Waltham Abbey:	Councillor Mrs E Webster

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 7.00PM.

A BRIEF LOCAL COUNCILS MEETING WILL FOLLOW TO DISCUSS AND RATIFY THE CIF GRANT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 8 November and 6 December 2006 (attached) and matters arising.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILS

To discuss the following matters raised by Local Council's:

Highway Issues:

1. That the Local Liaison Committee be a focus point for attention to the current situation on roads in the District. The matter cropped up at the last West Essex Area Forum and there was a lot of criticism expressed which the ECC representative was unable to contain. The complainants were far from satisfied and would like Tony Ciaburro and Rodney Bass to be called to a special meeting at a future point. The Local Councils are seeking general support for this.

East of England Plan:

2. Local Council's would like an explanation of what is actually likely to come with the Local Development Framework and associated Local Development documents.

Meeting Dates:

3. That the possibility, over time, of the District Council leaving one night a week free of meetings so that Parish and Town Councils could hold their own individual meetings and thereby facilitating "dual-hated" Councillors to attend all.

4. THE GREEN ARC PROJECT

At their meeting held on 8 November 2006 the Local Councils Liaison Committee received a report summarising the Green Arc project. The committee at that meeting expressed a desire that the Project Director of the Green Arc Project be invited to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for March 2007 in order to give a presentation regarding the likely impact of the Green Arc upon the protection of the Green Belt within the District.

The committee is therefore asked to receive a presentation from the Director of Green Arc, Mary Parodi on the purpose of and progress with, the Green Arc Project and its implications for the District.

5. EPPING FOREST DISTRICT - CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Each year the District Council runs the Civic Awards Ceremony. The most prestigious award given being that for Citizen of the Year. Nominations for this award are invited over a period of months and generally speaking a reasonable response is achieved. Very few, however, are received from Town or Parish Councils and the Chairman of the Council would like to remind Town and Parish Councils of their ability to put forward such nominations. In particular the District Council looks for someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the District as a whole or to large parts of the district.

Each year, however, we also receive a number of nominations for people who are clearly heavily involved in the affairs of their home village or community. Whilst the spread of their activity is too narrow for the Citizen of the Year award, these people make a generous contribution in their home locality. The Chairman of the Council would therefore like to explore whether Local Councils run similar award schemes through which such contributions can be acknowledged, and whether there is any potential benefit in working together in regard to such awards.

6. EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN - THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE EAST OF ENGLAND AND STATEMENT OF REASONS (Pages 13 - 34)

The deadline for consultation responses on the proposed changes and the Sustainability Appraisal is 5.00 p.m. on 9 March 2007. Local Councils have been heavily involved in this process and it was agreed that we should keep each other apprised of progress. The District Council's formal response was agreed in principle by the Cabinet at its meeting on 19 February 2007. A copy of the report to the Cabinet is attached hereto. An update will be given on any changes to the report after its publication.

7. FILM LOCATIONS - SCREEN EAST (Pages 35 - 36)

To receive a presentation from Kerry Ixer, from Screen East Locations on the use of local facilities for film locations.

Attached is an accommodation registration form to register interest in supplying accommodation to film crews.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee are provisionally scheduled for the following dates in the new year, subject to Council's approval in April:

13th June 2007
28th November 2007
26th March 2008