

EPPING FOREST LOCAL COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Place: Combined Committee Rooms 1 & 2 - Civic Offices **Date:** Wednesday, 17th March, 2010

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

Democratic Services Officer: Rebecca Perrin (tel: 01992 564532)
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Members:

District Council Representatives:

Councillors Mrs P Smith (Chairman), Mrs A Grigg, Mrs A Haigh, R Morgan and Mrs J H Whitehouse

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 Mrs J Whitehouse
Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South:	Councillor V Metcalfe
Chigwell and Loughton Broadway:	Councillor J Knapman
Waltham Abbey:	Councillor Mrs E Webster

**PLEASE NOTE THE START DATE OF THE MEETING
COFFEE/TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FROM 7.00
P.M IN THE MEMBERS ROOM**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2009 (previously circulated) and matters arising.

3. LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES - CO-ORDINATION OF CELEBRATORY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGACY BENEFITS.

An overview of issues arising from the London 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games and an opportunity to share information regarding any plans to celebrate the games at a local level.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS

Local Councils are asked to note that for the financial year 2009/10, the District Council has increased its budget for the Standards Committee by £5000 (making a total of £10,000) to fund ongoing work in connection with investigations and other measures such as training, conflict resolution and mediation. For 2010/11, the budget has been increased by a further £5000 (to a total of £15,000) for the same purpose and to reflect ongoing work, particularly some local councils.

5. MONITORING OFFICER - VISITS

Parish and Town Councils are asked whether it would be helpful for the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer (or both) to be available, if invited, to visit Parish and Town Councils to discuss any matters of interest.

6. ELECTIONS - EFFECT OF COMBINED PARLIAMENTARY AND DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Parish Councils 'attention' is drawn to the Returning Officer's recent letter to Clerks on this subject.

7. ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILS

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

- Conservation Areas – Local Councils requested that additional areas should be considered for conservation area status. This matter had been raised at the meeting of the Epping Forest Association of Local Councils and after a brief discussion about the value of Conservation areas, it had been agreed that they were not being served well by present planning arrangements in the District. In spite of being identified as 'conservation areas' much that was of interest had been lost. It was also noticed that without the adoption of Article 4 provisions, the District's conservation areas lacked meaningful protection.
- Village Hall Rubbish Collection – Local Councils' requested an updated on the current position regarding waste collection services for village halls and a review of free collection.
- Presentations - The Local Councils' briefly discussed the length of presentations arranged by EFDC at the Local Councils Liaison Committee. It had generally been agreed that presentations should be time limited.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the proposed meeting dates of the Committee scheduled for the new municipal year:

28 July 2010
10 November 2010
9 March 2010