



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Monday, 10th November, 2014

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**, which will be held at:

**Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
on Monday, 10th November, 2014
at 7.30 pm .**

**Glen Chipp
Chief Executive**

**Democratic Services
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Members:

Councillors R Morgan (Chairman), K Angold-Stephens (Vice-Chairman), G Chambers,
K Chana, T Church, D Dorrell, L Girling, P Keska, Mrs J Lea, A Mitchell MBE, S Murray,
B Rolfe, Mrs M Sartin, Ms G Shiell, B Surtees, A Watts and D Wixley

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A SHORT PRE-MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS
OF THE COMMITTEE STARTING AT 7PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1 SO THAT THEY
CAN DISCUSS THEIR LINE OF QUESTIONING FOR THE PRESENTATION.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

WEBCASTING NOTICE

Please note: this meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site - at the start of the meeting the Chairman will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed.

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Therefore by entering the Chamber and using the lower public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for web casting and/or training purposes. If members of the public do not wish to have their image captured they should sit in the upper

council chamber public gallery area

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

1. This meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking.

2. The Chairman will read the following announcement:

“This meeting will be webcast live to the Internet and will be archived for later viewing. Copies of recordings may be made available on request.

By entering the chamber’s lower seating area you consenting to becoming part of the webcast.

If you wish to avoid being filmed you should move to the public gallery or speak to the webcasting officer”

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

Decisions required:

To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 14 October 2014.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). To declare interests in any items on the agenda.

In considering whether to declare a personal or a prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct, Overview & Scrutiny members are asked pay particular attention to paragraph 11 of the Code in addition to the more familiar requirements.

This requires the declaration of a personal and prejudicial interest in any matter before an OS Committee which relates to a decision of or action by another Committee or Sub Committee of the Council, a Joint Committee or Joint Sub Committee in which the Council is involved and of which the Councillor is also a member.

Paragraph 11 does not refer to Cabinet decisions or attendance at an OS meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

6. PRESENTATION ON CHILDREN SERVICES (Pages 9 - 12)

Following on from last years successful talk on Children Services and this committee’s desire to have an update in a years time, officers have arranged a follow up presentation.

To this end we have a representative from the County, Chris Martin, the Integrated Commissioning Director (West), at Essex County Council coming to speak to the Committee. He will be talking about Children Services in the County and their current commissioning intentions for young children based upon an Early Years review they have completed.

For information, an extract from the minutes from the O&S meeting held on 4 June 2013 is attached containing the section of the Children Services presentation given, and subsequent questions asked.

7. CLG CONSULTATION ON PLANNING AND TRAVELLERS (Pages 13 - 24)

(Director of Neighbourhoods) to consider the attached report.

8. SIX MONTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW (Pages 25 - 44)

To consider the attached report on the six monthly work programme.

9. REVIEW OF CABINET FORWARD PLAN (Pages 45 - 60)

To review the Cabinet Forward Plan (Key Decision List) on a meeting by meeting basis.

10. SAFER CLEANER GREENER SCRUTINY PANEL - REPLACEMENT MEMBER

To agree a Conservative Group replacement for the Safer Cleaner Greener Scrutiny Panel to replace Councillor Y Knight with Councillor A Mitchell.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Exclusion: To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
Nil	Nil	Nil

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any

currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Confidential Items Commencement: Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers: Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.