



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 19th April, 2016

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 Tuesday, 19th April, 2016
at 7.30 pm .**

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

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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:

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(Director of Governance). To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 28)

Decisions required:

To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 23 February 2016.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Director of Governance) 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 and Scrutiny Committee 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 Overview and Scrutiny 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 overview and scrutiny meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

6. EPPING FOREST YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTATION

In 2012/13 this Committee had requested an annual presentation from the Youth Council giving an update on the developing Youth Council programme.

Members of the Youth Council will attend the meeting to outline:

- (i) achievements from the last year; and
- (ii) the plans for the Youth Council for the coming year.

7. ECC CHILDREN SERVICES PRESENTATION

Following on from the last successful talk on Children Services given in November 2014, and this committee's desire to have an update, 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:

- The background and an update on the Children's Centres in Essex Consultation taking place now; and
- The Current position of Essex Children Services –
 - How are they coping with staff shortages;
 - Loss of budget
 - Involvement of outside and voluntary services in the provision of children services.

8. FINAL REPORT OF THE GRANT AID TASK AND FINISH PANEL (Pages 29 - 46)

To receive the final report of the Grant Aid Task and Finish Panel.

9. EQUALITY OBJECTIVES 2016 - 2020 (Pages 47 - 60)

(Director of Governance) To consider the attached report.

10. SELECT COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK - REVIEW (Pages 61 - 66)

(Director of Governance) to consider the attached report.

11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 67 - 122)

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider and comment on the draft O&S Annual Report for 2015/16.

The Committee is asked to consider whether they are happy with the draft report (attached) and to make amendments where necessary. Any comments should be submitted to Democratic Services by Friday, 13 May 2016 for inclusion in the final version.

A copy of each Select Committee section of the report has been sent to the relevant Chairman and lead officer of that committee for comments.

This draft is still incomplete as not all Panels have held their last meeting for the year

at the time this agenda went to print.

The final report will be submitted to the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 7 June 2016 for endorsement and then on to the nearest Full Council meeting.

12. WORK PROGRAMME MONITORING (Pages 123 - 140)

(a) To consider the updated work programme

The current Overview and Scrutiny work programme is attached for information.

(b) Reserve Programme

A reserve list of scrutiny topics is required to ensure that the work flow of OSC is continuous.

OSC will 'pull out' items from the list and allocate them accordingly once space becomes available in the work programme following the completion of existing reviews.

Members can put forward any further suggestions for inclusion in the reserve list either during the meeting or at a later date.

Existing review items will be dealt with first, then time will be allocated to the items contained in the reserve work plan.

13. KEY DECISION LIST - REVIEW (Pages 141 - 156)

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

14. 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 Paragraph Number	Information
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.