



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 29 August 2013

Time: 9.30 a.m.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage SG1 1HN

Contact: Guy Moody

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Members: Councillors J Thomas (Chair), J Brown, M Cherney-Craw, G Clark, M Hearn, J Hollywell, R Parker CC, S Speller, P Stuart, H Tessier, S Walker and B Underwood.

Also Invited: Councillor S Taylor OBE CC (Leader and Portfolio Holder), S Hollingsworth ('Critical Friend'), J Cansick (Constitutional Services Manager) and M Nicholson (Member Services Officer).

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

To introduce the scope and purpose of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 29 JULY 2013

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 29 July 2013.

Minutes attached

4. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MEMBERS' EXPENSES AND HOSPITALITY.

The Committee is invited to interview the following as part of its Scrutiny Review into Members' Expenses and Hospitality before formulating recommendations for the Portfolio Holder.

- The Leader, Councillor S Taylor OBE CC
- The Constitutional Services Manager, J Cansick
- Member Services Officer, M Nicholson

Documents attached for information

- Appendix A: Template Scoping Document
- Appendix B: Updated Project Plan
- Appendix C: A Guide to the Members' Allowance Scheme

5. URGENT PART 1 DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There have been no urgent Part 1 Decisions authorised by the Chair.

6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions:

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports (if any) being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure

PART II

8. PART II MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 29 JULY 2013

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 29 July 2013.

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9. URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There have been no Urgent Part II Decisions authorised by the Chair.

10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

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