



# Haverling

LONDON BOROUGH

## TOWNS & COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

Monday  
14 November 2011

Town Hall, Main Road,  
Romford

Members 9: Quorum 3

### COUNCILLORS:

**Conservative Group**  
( 5 )

**Residents' Group**  
( 2 )

**Labour Group**  
( 1 )

**Independent  
Residents' Group**  
( 1 )

Frederick Osborne  
(Chairman)  
Wendy Brice-  
Thompson  
Osman Dervish  
Garry Pain  
Keith Wells

Linda Hawthorn  
(Vice-Chair)  
Ray Morgon

Paul McGeary

Michael Deon Burton

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## **What is Overview & Scrutiny?**

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements. Each overview and scrutiny committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

They have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers.
2. Driving improvement in public services.
3. Holding key local partners to account.
4. Enabling the voice and concerns of the public.

The committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups consist of a number of Members and the review period can last for anything from a few weeks to a year or more to allow the Members to comprehensively examine an issue through interviewing expert witnesses, conducting research and site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Committee that created it and it will often suggest recommendations to the executive.

## **Terms of Reference**

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are:

- Regulatory Services
- Planning and Building Control
- Town Centre Strategy
- Licensing
- Leisure, arts, culture
- Housing Retained Services
- Community Safety
- Social and economic regeneration
- Parks
- Social inclusion

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

(if any) - receive.

### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

### **3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

### **4 REQUISITION OF CABINET DECISION - REVIEW OF COMMUNITY HALLS - 26 OCTOBER 2011 (Pages 1 - 22)**

### **5 REQUISITION OF CABINET DECISION - APPROVAL OF PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT PARTNER FOR THE BRIAR ROAD ESTATE - 26 OCTOBER 2011 (Pages 23 - 38)**

There is also an exempt appendix (Appendix C) which is not available to the Press or members of the public.

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Committee Administration and  
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