

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TOWNS & COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
2 May 2013 (7.30 - 8.20 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Damian White (Chairman), Linda Hawthorn (Vice-Chair), Osman Dervish, Paul McGeary, June Alexander and +Sandra Binion.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wendy Brice-Thompson, Michael Deon Burton, Linda Trew and Peter Gardner.

+Councillor Brice-Thompson was substituted by Councillor Binion.

27 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 24 January and 6 February 2013, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2012/13 - QUARTER 3

The Committee considered a report that set out the Council's performance against the Living Ambition Goal for the third quarter (October-December 2012).

In attendance at the meeting was the Head of Development & Building Control to update Members on the performance indicators that related to Planning Services applications that did not meet its target. The Head of Service provided the committee with an insight on the steps being taken to remedy the situation which may not be resolved until after quarter four.

The Committee were satisfied with the action that the service had taken.

Members also considered other performance indicators which were reported to the committee and noted the accompanying explanation.

The Committee Noted the report.

29 UPDATE ON HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN THE BOROUGH

The Committee noted that this presentation would be taken at a future meeting.

30 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATES

The Committee reviewed its work programme following new suggestion from members. A member of the committee was concerned that the work programme did not include housing issues. It was agreed that following the attendance by the Head of Homes and Housing, the committee would look to identifying a Topic Group issue in the housing area.

The Chairman took the opportunity to outline the proposed dates for a tour of town centres following the two presentations from Regeneration, Policy & Planning Manager.

It was also agreed to notify ward councillors of these tour dates in order that they may accompany the committee on the tours.

The Committee noted the revised work programme.

4 July 2013	9 October 2013	28 November 2013	5 February 2014	8 April 2014
Approval of housing developments/ impact on infrastructure	Performance Indicators Qtr. 4	Report on Libraries	Napier/New Plymouth House, refurbishment schemes – Cabinet Rpt	Committee's Annual Report
Licensing changes	Presentation on Friends of Parks	Havering community identity and branding issues		
Housing Issues Presentation	Heritage Building update	Performance Indicators Qtr. 1		
	Community Halls managed by Culture and			

	Leisure Services – Cabinet rpt			
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Chairman