



Haverling

LONDON BOROUGH

TOWNS & COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

Thursday
13 February 2014

Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford

Members 9: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

**Conservative
(5)**

**Residents'
(2)**

**Labour
(1)**

**Independent
Residents'
(1)**

Wendy Brice-
Thompson
(Vice-Chairman)
Osman Dervish
Barry Oddy
Garry Pain
Linda Trew

Linda Hawthorn
(Chairman)
June Alexander

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 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2013 and the minutes of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny meeting held on 23 January 2014, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 CABINET REPORT UPDATE - RAINHAM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

The Committee is to receive an update to the Cabinet Report.

6 GARAGE AND PARKING SCHEMES PROJECT

The Committee is to receive a briefing on this project.

7 PRESENTATION ON THE CURRENT HOUSING BUSINESS PLAN AND THE IMPACT ON THE GOVERNMENT 'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE POLICY ON RENT

The Committee is to receive a presentation on the proposed policy changes to housing rent.

8 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specified in the minutes, that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Andrew Beesley
Committee Administration Manager