

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm Tuesday Town Hall, Main Road, Romford

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

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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 subcommittee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

The sub-committees 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 to the public.

The sub-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. These are considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board and if approved, submitted for a response to Council, Cabinet and other relevant bodies.

Sub-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 or undertaking site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Sub-Committee that created it and will often suggest recommendations for the Overview and Scrutiny Board to pass to the Council's Executive.

Terms of Reference

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are:

- Environment
- Transport
- Environmental Strategy
- Community Safety
- Streetcare
- Parking
- Social Inclusion
- Councillor Call for Action

AGENDA ITEMS

1 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.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) - received.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any pecuniary interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any pecuniary interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

4 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 15 January 2015 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 ENFORCEMENT OF FRONT GARDENS

Following a request from a member, the Sub-Committee will receive details of how residents front gardens are enforced and the impact this will have on the street scene.

6 CRM TRENDS (Pages 7 - 12)

The Sub-Committee will discuss the trends in enquires received via CRM in relation to its remit.

Please see data attached.

7 COUNCIL'S CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT MONITOR - PROGRESS OF CABINET REPORTS

The Committee will receive a presentation on the progress of the following report which was approved by Cabinet on 25 September 2013:

• Approval to access energy efficiency funding through the Green Deal & Energy Company Obligation (ECO) via a Greater London Authority (GLA) framework.

8 STREETCARE SERVICE PLAN (Pages 13 - 38)

The Sub-Committee will receive a copy of the Streetcare Service Plan for review. (attached)

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Sub-Committee will receive a presentation on the role and responsibilities of Community Safety including staffing and budgets.

10 FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Members are invited to indicate to the Chairman, items within this Committee's terms of reference they would like to see discussed at a future meeting. Note: it is not considered appropriate for issues relating to individuals to be discussed under this provision.

11 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any other items 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