



Havering

LONDON BOROUGH

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD AGENDA

7.30 pm

**Tuesday
13 January 2015**

**Havering Town Hall,
Main Road, Romford**

Members 16: Quorum 5

COUNCILLORS:

**Conservative
(7)**

John Crowder
Philippa Crowder
Jason Frost
Steven Kelly
Robby Misir
Dilip Patel
Carol Smith

**Residents'
(3)**

June Alexander
Nic Dodin
Ray Morgon

**East Havering
Residents'(2)**

Gillian Ford
(Chairman)
Linda Hawthorn

**UKIP
(2)**

Lawrence Webb
(Vice-Chair)
1 Vacancy

**IRG
(2)**

David Durant
Graham Williamson

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Under the Localism Act 2011 (s. 9F) each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board acts as a vehicle by which the effectiveness of scrutiny is monitored and where work undertaken by themed sub-committees can be coordinated to avoid duplication and to ensure that areas of priority are being reviewed. The Board also scrutinises general management matters relating to the Council and further details are given in the terms of reference below. The Overview and Scrutiny Board has oversight of performance information submitted to the Council's executive and also leads on scrutiny of the Council budget and associated information. All requisitions or 'call-ins' of executive decisions are dealt with by the Board.

The Board is politically balanced and includes among its membership the Chairmen of the six themed Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees.

Terms of Reference:

The areas scrutinised by the Board are:

- Strategy and commissioning
- Partnerships with Business
- Customer access
- E-government and ICT
- Finance (although each committee is responsible for budget processes that affect its area of oversight)
- Human resources
- Asset Management
- Property resources
- Facilities Management
- Communications
- Democratic Services
- 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) - receive.

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 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 November 2014 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

6 UPDATES ON WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND TOPIC GROUPS

7 MEMBER REFERRAL OF SCRUTINY ITEMS (IF REQUIRED)

8 UPDATE ON BOARD TOPIC GROUPS

9 POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR SCRUTINY - SUMMARY ATTACHED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD (Pages 5 - 10)

10 JOINT WORKING BETWEEN SUB-COMMITTEES

11 URGENT BUSINESS

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

**Andrew Beesley
Committee Administration Manager**