



Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 2 February 2010

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Committee Room 11 Level 1, Town Hall

Membership of the Committee:

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Sir Howard Bernstein
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. Urgent Business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2010 (enclosed).

5. Information and Overview Report

Report of the City Solicitor

Members of the Committee are asked to note the recommendations monitor and agree the content of the work programme.

6. Accommodation Issues for Gypsy Traveller Community

Oral Report

A representative of the Gypsy Traveller community will attend the Committee to comment on the impact of unauthorized encampments on them and the local community.

7. Winter Services Update

Oral Report from the Chair of the Committee

The Chair will inform members of progress with the road gritting issues identified at the last meeting.

8. Summary of Consultation Responses to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Proposed Option

Report of the Head of Planning

This report provides members with an initial analysis of the consultation responses to the Local Development Framework Core Strategy proposed options.

9. Home Ownership Target Update

Report of the Director of Housing

This report provides the Committee with an update on how the Local Area Agreement target for home ownership should take account of the economic downturn in the long term.

10. Communal Heating Charge (To follow)

Report of the Director of Housing

The report sets out the proposals to implement the annual change to the price of heat supplied to tenants and residents with shared or communal heating systems. The Committee is invited to comment on these proposals before they are considered by the Executive on 10 February 2010.

11. Highways Agency Maintenance

Oral Report of the Highways Agency

The Highways Agency has been invited to attend the Committee to answer questions about how land bordering highways is maintained, with reference to specific examples in Northenden and Princess Parkway. Members will be provided with photos of these areas before the meeting of the Committee.

12. Drainage (To follow)

Report of the Head of Highway Services

This report provides an overview of highway drainage maintenance.

13. Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

Report of the Head of Highway Services

This report provides the Committee with an update on the Street Lighting PFI Contract.