

Scrutiny Committee

(Quorum 3)

The Scrutiny Committee has responsibility to consider and respond to proposals from Councillors, Cabinet Members, members of the public and local community representatives who suggest issues that should be subject to strategic scrutiny.

Conservative Group

Councillors Mary Evans (Chairman), Peter Beer, Stephen Burroughes, Jessica Fleming, David Ritchie and Jane Storey.

Labour Group

Councillor Kathy Bole, Sandra Gage and Len Jacklin.

UKIP Group

Councillor David Hudson.

Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

Councillor John Field.

Green and Independent Group

Councillor Trevor Beckwith.

Date: Wednesday, 10 February 2016

Venue: Elisabeth Room
Endeavour House
8 Russell Road
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

Time: 10:00am

For further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Linda Pattle, Democratic Services Officer, on 01473 260771.

Business to be taken in public

1. Public Participation Session

A member of the public who is resident, or is on the Register of Electors for Suffolk, may speak for up to five minutes on a matter relating to the following agenda.

A speaker will need to give written notice of their wish to speak at the meeting using the contact details under 'Public Participation in Meetings' by no later than 12 noon on Thursday, 4 February 2016.

The public participation session will not exceed 20 minutes to enable the Committee to consider its other business.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

To note and record any apologies for absence or substitutions received.

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

To receive any declarations of interests, and the nature of that interest, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Pages 5-14

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2015.

5. Procurement and Contract Management

Pages 15-72

To consider the extent to which the County Council has developed a more commercial approach to provision of public services, and what further work is required.

6. Development of Devolution Proposals Direction of Travel

Pages 73-86

To consider progress on the development of Devolution proposals and how this work is being taken forward.

7. Information Bulletin – Part I

Pages 87-112

Written information has been provided for the Committee for reasons indicated. The Committee may wish to consider whether there are any matters arising from this information that warrants specific aspects being added to the forward work programme.

8. **Key Decision Forward Plan and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme** Pages 113-118
Pages 119-122

To consider the development of an updated Scrutiny Forward Work Programme taking into account proposals from councillors, statutory co-opted members and also having regard to the Key Decision Forward Plan.

9. **Urgent Business**

To consider any other item of business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified in the minutes), as a matter of urgency.

10. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Committee is invited to consider whether Agenda Item 11 should be taken without the Public (including the Press) present.

In considering whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of this report on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) will be disclosed, the Committee needs to be satisfied that:

- a) the information included relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);
 - b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
11. **Information Bulletin - Part II**

EXEMPT
Pages 1-4

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Date of next scheduled meeting – Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 10:00 am

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