

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, Jessica Fleming, Robin Millar, David Ritchie and Robin Vickery.

Labour Group

Councillor Kathy Bole, Sandra Gage and Len Jacklin.

UKIP Group

Councillor John Burns.

Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

Councillor John Field.

Green and Independent Group

Councillor Trevor Beckwith.

Date: Tuesday, 7 February 2017

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

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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 Wednesday, 1 February 2017.

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

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To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2016.

5. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service – Improving services through collaboration

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To consider how Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is collaborating with blue light services and other public sector partners.

6. Housing Development Company – Barley Homes (Group) Ltd

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To consider the governance and operation of Barley Homes (Group) Ltd in deriving income for its shareholders through developing housing.

7. Information Bulletin

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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**

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Pages 61 - 64

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.

Date of next scheduled meeting – Wednesday, 8 March 2017 at 10:00am.

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