Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 29 January 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 2 - Level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR
Membership: Councillors Bright, Carr (Chairman), Etheridge, Griffin, Griffiths, Adrian Gulvin (Vice-Chairman), Hubbard, Juby, Mackinlay, Mason, Osborne, Stamp and Turpin

Agenda

1 Record of meeting
   To approve the record of the meeting held on 18 December 2014.

2 Apologies for absence

3 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances
   The Chairman will announce any late items which do not appear on the main agenda but which he has agreed should be considered by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the report.

4 Declarations of interests and whipping
   (A) Disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests
      A member need only disclose at any meeting the existence of
a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) in a matter to be considered at that meeting if that DPI has not been entered on the disclosable pecuniary interests register maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

A member disclosing a DPI at a meeting must thereafter notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of that interest within 28 days from the date of disclosure at the meeting.

A member **may not participate** in a discussion of or vote on any matter in which he or she has a DPI (both those already registered and those disclosed at the meeting) and **must withdraw** from the room during such discussion/vote.

Members may choose to voluntarily disclose a DPI at a meeting even if it is registered on the council’s register of disclosable pecuniary interests but there is no legal requirement to do so.

Members should also ensure they disclose any other interests which may give rise to a conflict under the council’s code of conduct.

In line with the training provided to members by the Monitoring Officer members will also need to consider bias and pre-determination in certain circumstances and whether they have a conflict of interest or should otherwise leave the room for Code reasons.

(B) **Whipping**

The Council’s constitution also requires any Member of the Committee who is subject to a party whip (ie agreeing to vote in line with the majority view of a private party group meeting) to declare the existence of the whip.

5 **Petitions**

This report advises the Committee of the petitions presented at Council meetings, received by the council or sent via the e-petition facility, including a summary of officer’s response to the petitioners.

6 **Attendance of the Leader**

This report sets out activities and progress on work areas within the Leader’s Portfolio which fall within the remit of this Committee. These are listed each time a Cabinet Member is invited to attend any of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be held to account.

7 **Attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services**

This report sets out activities and progress on work areas within the
Portfolio for the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services which fall within the remit of this Committee. These are listed each time a Cabinet Member is invited to attend any of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be held to account.

8 **Annual Review of Waste Contracts** (Pages 51 - 94)

This report provides an update on the activity carried out by the waste contractors to Medway Council. Representatives from Veolia Environmental Services and FCC will attend the meeting in order to answer questions from the committee.

9 **An assessment of the cost of bus travel in Medway** (Pages 95 - 106)

This report has been produced in response to Member’s concerns about bus fares levels in Medway and how Medway compares to other areas.

10 **Timing of bus routes and bus punctuality** (Pages 107 - 116)

This report has been produced in response to the concerns raised by Members about bus reliability during peak times.

11 **Member’s item: Town Centre Markets** (Pages 117 - 124)

This report sets out answers to questions, raised by Councillor Etheridge regarding Town Centre Markets in Medway.

12 **Provision of a Neighbourhood Community Hub in Twydall** (Pages 125 - 128)

This report outlines the indicative plans for a Community Hub facility at Twydall together with an update on the proposed funding for this project.

13 **Work programme** (Pages 129 - 134)

This item advises Members of the current work programme and allows the Committee to adjust it in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee’s activities over the year.

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Date: 21 January 2015
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