Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 7 April 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 2 - Level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR
Membership: Councillors Bright, Griffiths, Adrian Gulvin (Vice-Chairman), Juby, Mackinlay, Turpin, Carr (Chairman), Stamp, Osborne, Hubbard, Griffin, Irvine and one vacancy (Conservative)

Agenda

1 Record of meeting (Pages 5 - 16)
   To approve the record of the meeting held on 29 January 2015.

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 responses to the petitioners.

6 **Council Plan 2014/15 Quarter 3 Performance Monitoring Report**

This report summarises the performance of the Council’s Key Measures of Success for October/December (Quarter 3) 2014/15 as set out in the refreshed Council Plan 2013/15.

7 **Chatham Waterfront Update**

This report provides an update on the acquisition of land interests at Chatham Waterfront, which was the subject of a Cabinet report considered on 10 March 2015.
8 Member’s item - Closure of Tesco’s Store in Chatham

This report sets out a response to a request from Councillor Griffiths for information relating to the impact of the decision by Tesco to close its Chatham store.

9 Work Programme

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.

For further information please contact Ellen Wright, Democratic Services Officer on Telephone: 01634 332012 or Email: democratic.services@medway.gov.uk

Date: 26 March 2015

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