

To: All Members and Substitute
Members of the ENVIRONMENT
& LEISURE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Cllr Mrs Jean Arrick	Cllr Bryn Morgan
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Conservative

Cllr Steven Hill
Cllr Peter Isherwood
Cllr Nicholas Holder

Liberal Democrat

Cllr John Savage

Independent

Cllr Alan Lovell

Dear Councillors

A meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE will be held as follows: -

DATE: TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2009*

TIME: 7.00 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS,
GODALMING

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

MARY ORTON
Chief Executive

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Contact officers are shown at the end of each report and members are welcome to raise questions, make observations etc. in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

The meeting will be preceded by informal public questions from 7pm (For a maximum of 15minutes) and if no members of the public are present to ask questions at 7pm then the Committee meeting will start immediately.

AGENDA

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2009 (to be laid on the table half an hour before the meeting).

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

To receive apologies for absence and to report any substitutions.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

To receive from Members declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, in accordance with the Waverley Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman to respond any questions received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

5. **EXECUTIVE FORWARD PROGRAMME**

[Wards Affected: N/A]

To receive, for information, the forward programme of key decisions considered by the Executive at its meeting on 3rd November 2009, attached as Appendix A and to identify any issues on which the Committee would wish to comment.

Recommendation

To note the Executive Forward Programme of key decisions, and make comments where relevant.

6. **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

[Wards Affected: N/A]

To receive for information, a copy of the Committee Work Programme at Appendix B.

Recommendation

To note the Committee Work Programme.

PERFORMANCE

7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT, QUARTER 2 (July - September) 2009/10

[Wards Affected: All]

Waverley's Performance Management Framework (PMF) contains a number of National Indicators (NI) and locally defined indicators that assist Members and officers in identifying current improvement priorities, and progress against the objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan.

The indicators in Waverley's PMF are reviewed quarterly by the Executive. This report, attached at Appendix C, details performance, at Annexe 1, for the second three-month period of 2009/10 those indicators within the remit of the Environment and Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The Performance Sub Committee has met before the main Overview & Scrutiny meeting and their observations and recommendations are attached at Annexe 2 (to follow) for the Committee to consider and submit to the Executive.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environment and Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers the performance figures for quarter 1 as set out in Annexe 1, and makes observations for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to pass on to the Executive.

IN-DEPTH REVIEWS

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[Wards Affected: All]

To discuss the following in-depth reviews:

1. Waverley's Role with Local Businesses
2. Transport Issues – Guildford-Cranleigh Rail Link

- 8.1 Waverley's Role with Local Businesses

[Wards Affected: All]

The report at Appendix D provides some first stage information for the review into services provided to local businesses and how we could improve what we do.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the O&S Committee advise officers following the presentation

- (i) **if there is any additional background material required ahead of the Select Committee presentation in the new year and**
- (ii) **if there are any additional organizations the Committee wishes to include in the Select Committee discussions.**

8.2 Transport Issues – Guildford-Cranleigh Rail Link

Following the last meeting of ELOS, it was agreed that the review of the reopening of the railway line would examine and focus on addressing the following key questions:

1. Are there any planning policies that would throw obstacles in the way to prevent it from happening?
2. Having looked at the methodology what were the key criteria missing from this analysis?
3. Subject to a good business case being made, what funding issues then arise and how would this be sourced?
4. What do local people and the various business communities think about the proposal?
5. What are Waverley's views on ATOCs proposals?
6. Look more in depth at the feasibility of the proposals (look not just at the technical aspect but issues such as the planning)
7. Review the information provided from Surrey CC
8. Expanding the potential user groups that need to be asked about the proposals e.g the schools within the catchment area
9. What effect will the proposals have on other stations and facilities along the line?

A meeting of the ELOS Select Committee has been set up and will take place on Thursday, 12th November 2009 and will be an opportunity to question ATOC on the proposals to reopen the Guildford-Cranleigh rail link. A number of invites have been sent to interested parties and all Members are encouraged to attend. Members are reminded to review the ATOC report, available in the Members Room or online at http://atoc.org/general/ConnectingCommunitiesReport_S10.pdf.

Recommendation

To note that the ELOS Select Committee will be taking place on Thursday, 12th November 2009.

OVERVIEW

9. DRAFT THAMES BASIN HEATHS SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA AVOIDANCE STRATEGY

[Portfolio Holder for Planning: Cllr Richard Gates]
[Wards Affected: All Farnham wards]

This report, attached at Appendix E, sets out the background on the SPA, the legal issues and (as Annexes) the outcome of the public consultation, together with the report from Jed Griffiths, an independent planning consultant, on potential alternative SANG. The Planning Policy SIG considered a report at its meeting on 11th September 2009, and the Executive considered the basis of this report on

29th September 2009. Their comments are included in this report. The purpose of this report is to enable the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee to contribute towards the process of producing the Avoidance Strategy.

Recommendation

That this report be considered and any observations be forwarded to the Executive.

10. GODALMING LEISURE CENTRE PROJECT - UPDATE

To receive an oral update from the Portfolio Holder for Leisure on progress with discussions over a new leisure centre for Godalming.

Recommendation

To note the oral update.

11. WAVERLEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP 2009/10 INTERIM PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

[Portfolio Holder for Communities and Partnerships: Cllr Stefan Reynolds]
[Wards Affected: All]

In February 2009 26 partner organisations were awarded funding from the Waverley Community Partnership towards their ongoing running costs for the financial year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010. As part of the funding partnership, organisations were asked to provide information on their performance over the six month period from 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009 of which this report, attached at Appendix F, reports. The information will be used as part of the scheme's monitoring process and as part of the assessment for the 2010/11 funding round which opened on 30 September 2009.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the performance of each of the organisations under the remit of this committee funded by the Waverley Community Partnership in the first six months of 2009/10 and make observations to officers ahead of the assessment of 2010/11 applications.

12. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POWERS FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

At its meeting in June this year the Committee received a report on recent changes in legislation that provide new powers for overview and scrutiny committees. This report, attached at Appendix G, which is being presented in a slightly modified form to the Council's other two overview and scrutiny committees, provides Members with further information on these new powers, both in relation to the scrutiny of the Surrey Local Area Agreement and the scrutiny of the work of Waverley's Crime and Reduction Partnership.

The report also updates members on work that is currently being undertaken by the Surrey Overview and Scrutiny Officers Group to develop a framework for local authorities in Surrey to work together to carry out scrutiny of these and other strategic and county-wide issues of common concern.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Notes the information provided on the implementation of the new powers for overview and scrutiny committees.**
- (ii) Considers whether it wishes to pass any observations to the Executive regarding the proposed framework for collaborative scrutiny working between local authorities in Surrey.**

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman: -

Recommendation

That, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20, and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified in the appropriate paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act (to be identified, as necessary, at the meeting).

14. ANY OTHER ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXEMPT SESSION

To consider matters (if any) relating to aspects of any reports on this agenda which, it is felt, may need to be considered in Exempt session.

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