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Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

6:00pm
Thursday, 4th March 2010
The Earl Baldwin Suite
Duke House
Clensmore Street
Kidderminster



Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Members of Committee:

Chairman: Councillor H E Dyke
Vice-Chairman: Councillor J Phillips

Councillor G H Eeles

Councillor P V Hayward

Councillor M B Kelly

Councillor M Price

Councillor M J Shellie

Councillor S J Williams

Councillor D R Godwin

Councillor M A W Hazlewood

Councillor D J Millis

Councillor K H Prosser

Councillor D R Sheppard

Councillor G C Yarranton

Would Members please note that, to ensure continuity in scrutiny, substitutes should only be appointed for the Scrutiny Committee in exceptional circumstances.

Information for Members of the Public:

Part I of the Agenda includes items for discussion in public. You have the right to inspect copies of Minutes and reports on this Agenda as well as the background documents used in the preparation of these reports.

Part II of the Agenda (if applicable) deals with items of "Exempt Information" for which it is anticipated that the public may be excluded from the meeting and neither reports nor background papers are open to public inspection.

Declarations of Interest – Guidance Note

Code of Conduct

Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct, it is the responsibility of individual Members to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda if appropriate. A Member who declares a personal interest may take part in the meeting and vote, unless the interest is also prejudicial. If the interest is prejudicial, as defined in the Code, the Member must leave the room. However, Members with a prejudicial interest can still participate if a prescribed exception applies or a dispensation has been granted.

Co-opted Members

In order to promote a sense of ownership and partnership in the decision making process, and achieve continuity in scrutiny, a maximum of two co-opted members will be appointed to each scrutiny committee, at Annual Council, for the municipal year.

Scrutiny Committees will also be able to appoint ad-hoc Co-opted Members for the duration of a particular item.

In addition to this, when agreeing the scoping for a Review Panel, the Scrutiny Committee will be able to approve the participation of Co-opted Members in the Review Process.

The following will apply:

- i) The total number of voting co-opted members on any Scrutiny Committee will not exceed 25% at any one time. Should the number of Co-opted Members exceed this limit, preference will be given to those Co-opted Members appointed at Annual Council.
- ii) The total number of voting Co-opted Members on any Review Panel will not be limited.
- iii) Co-opted Members will exercise their voting rights in accordance with the principals of decision making set out in the constitution.

For Further information:

**If you have any queries about this Agenda or require any details of background papers, further documents or information, you should contact Benjamin Craddock, Assistant Scrutiny/Committee Officer, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn.
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Part 1

Open to the press and public

Agenda item	Subject	Page Number
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	<p>Appointment of Substitute Members</p> <p>To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Director of Legal & Corporate Services, together with the name of the Councillor for whom he/she is acting.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.</p> <p>Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February 2010.</p> <p>Minutes</p>	5
5.	<p>Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy Refresh</p> <p>To consider a report from the Strategic Housing Services Manager which provides members with details of the new five year Supporting People Strategy, the development of which is led by Supporting People but supported by the Supporting People Commissioning Body, of which Wyre Forest District Council is a member along with the other five district councils, Adult and Community Services, the three Primary Care Trusts, West Mercia Probation Service, and representatives from both service providers and from the service user group, WAVES.</p> <p>Item 5 Supporting People Strategy Item 5 Appendix 1</p>	11
6.	<p>Worcestershire County Housing Assistance Policy</p> <p>To consider a report from the Strategic Housing Services Manager which update Members on the proposed changes to the Housing Assistance Policy from the previous policy agreed in April 2009, which underpins how the Council determines spending for Disabled Facilities Grants and discretionary financial assistance.</p> <p>Item 6 Housing Assistance Policy Item 6 Appendix 1</p>	21

7.	<p>Ribbesford Conservation Area – Results of Consultation on Draft Conservation Area Appraisal</p> <p>To consider a report from the Conservation Officer which informs Members of the results of the public consultation on the proposed Conservation Area Appraisal for the Ribbesford Conservation Area.</p> <p>Item 7 Ribbesford Conservation Area Item 7 Appendix 1 Item 7 Appendix 2</p>	44
8.	<p>West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) Interim Policy Statement: Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople</p> <p>To consider a report from the Principal Forward Planning Officer which informs Members of the responses submitted to the West Midlands Regional Planning Body (WMRPB) on the Region’s Interim Policy Statement - The Provision of New Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. It also provides background information on the purpose of the Interim Policy Statement and how it will inform the Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework.</p> <p>Item 8 WMRSS Policy Statement Item 8 WMRSS Appendix 1 Item 8 WMRSS Appendix 2</p>	49
9.	<p>Renewable Energy and Efficiency Review Panel Update</p> <p>To consider a verbal update from the Chairman of the Renewable Energy and Efficiency Review Panel.</p>	-
10.	<p>Feedback from Cabinet</p> <p>To note the content of the Cabinet action list, following consideration of the recommendations from the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee meeting of the 3rd February 2010.</p> <p>Feedback from Cabinet</p>	57
11.	<p>Work Programme</p> <p>To review the work programme for the current municipal year with regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy Theme, Corporate Plan Aim, Annual Priorities and the Forward Plan.</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	58
12.	<p>Press Involvement</p> <p>To consider any future items for scrutiny that might require publicity.</p>	-
13.	<p>To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Legal and Corporate Services before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.</p>	-

Terms of Reference for Scrutiny Committees

All Scrutiny Committees shall be responsible for:

- Setting and agreeing an Annual Work Programme and prioritising the work of the Committee.
- Establishing Review Panels detailing the relevant Terms of Reference.
- Ensuring consideration is given to encouraging public participation and engagement in functions of the Committee.
- Ensuring that the views of any invitees and co-opted Members (where appropriate) are taken into account when conducting investigations.
- Monitoring the implementation of scrutiny recommendations.
- Reviewing and scrutinising relevant public bodies and partners in the District, including the Council's contribution and relationship with them. Where necessary, requesting them to address overview and scrutiny about their activities, performance, particular decisions, initiatives or projects.

Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee	Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny Co-ordination (including the allocation of all overview and scrutiny functions not within the specific remit of the Scrutiny Committees) • Asset Management • Single Site • Branding • Budget & Major Policy • Call-In • Communication • Comprehensive Area Assessment • Concessionary Travel • Corporate Plan Review • Customer Services / Worcs Hub • Emergency Planning • Equality & Diversity • Human Resources • ICT • Improvement Plan • Scrutiny Support • Refuse Collection and Recycling • Transformational Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Services • Cemeteries, Park and Open Spaces • Children and Young People • Climate Change • Community Safety and Accountability • Councillor Call for Action • Crime & Disorder Act • Culture and Arts • Economic Development and Regeneration • Health Improvement • Housing Strategy • Leisure and Community Development • Leisure Centres • Local Development Framework • Markets • Older People • Partner Agencies and LSP • Planning and Sustainable Communities • Public Conveniences • Public Health • Tourism • Transportation and Highways