

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES
POLICY & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD
ON 14 JANUARY 2011**

Membership:

Councillors:	
* S Walsh (Chairman)	* E Johnson
M Fisher	* J Knapman
* M Garnett	* C Pond (Vice Chairman)
* E Hart	* M Skeels
* J Deakin	M Webster
* R Howard	J Schofield

(* present)

Also present: Councillor T Chapman, Chief Whip and Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste.

Christine Sharland, Governance Officer, and Matthew Waldie, Committee Officer, were in attendance throughout the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am

1. Apologies and Substitutions

The Committee Officer reported apologies from Councillors J Schofield and M Webster.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2010 were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Scrutiny Review on the Off Site Emergency Planning Requirements around COMAH Sites in Essex

The Committee considered report SSC/01/11 concerning this Scrutiny Review on off site emergency planning requirements around COMAH Sites in Essex; and evidence was heard from the following witnesses:

- David Johnson, Chief Fire Officer and County Emergency Planning Officer, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
- Rosanna Briggs, Deputy County Emergency Planning Officer, Emergency Planning Service

- Keith Mead, Health and Safety Manager, Petrochem Carless, Harwich.

The Committee noted that the evidence obtained from witnesses at the meeting would be collated into a separate report to be prepared by the Governance Officer, together with evidence obtained from other witnesses for consideration by Members at a future meeting.

5. Forward Look

The Committee noted report SSC/22/10 setting out the Committee's work programme to March 2011. The Governance Officer indicated that it was possible that some visits to Canvey Island would take place during February, as part of the evidence-gathering process for the COMAH scrutiny review.

6. Dates of Future Meetings

The Committee noted that its next meetings were scheduled for 11 February and 18 March 2011.

The following dates were agreed for Committee activity days during 2011/2012:

Friday 15 April 2011
Friday 13 May 2011
Friday 17 June 2011
Friday 15 July 2011
Friday 9 September 2011
Friday 14 October 2011
Friday 18 November 2011
Friday 9 December 2011
Friday 13 January 2012
Friday 10 February 2012
Friday 9 March 2012

There being no urgent business the meeting closed at 11.20 am

Chairman