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Safer and Stronger Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Friday 16 April 2010
Time: **9.15 am Tour For Members Only**
10.00 am Meeting Commences

Venues: **Waltham Abbey Town Hall**

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Agenda

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Part I

(Business to be taken in public)

Agenda Item

1. Apologies and Substitution Notices

The Committee Officer to report the receipt of apologies for absence and substitution notices as appropriate.

2. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest to be made by Members.

3. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Safer and Stronger Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 19 March 2010.

4. Scrutiny Review of Essex Heritage: Setting the Scene

To consider report (SSC/09/10) giving details of the meeting arrangements and attaching the follow appended documents for discussion. The report to be presented by Graham Redgwell, Governance Officer.

- (A) English Heritage booklet – ‘Heritage at Risk - Conservation Areas’.
- (B) Essex Brown and White tourism signs policy and guidance notes.
- (C) Comments from Feering Parish Council.
- (D) Extract from Elmbridge Borough Council website (authority mentioned at last meeting). **(paper copy only)**
- (E) Extract from Chichester District Council website (authority mentioned at last meeting). **(paper copy only)**
- (F) Comments from Chelmsford Borough Council in response to a query made at the last meeting.
- (G) Comments from Silver End Parish Council, re listed buildings and conservation area.
- (H) Comments from Epping Town council regarding damage to the war memorial.

Also attached are (I) comments from Loughton Town Council (held back until this meeting) **paper copy only** and (J) a list of contributors as at 8 April.

5. Scrutiny Towards Excellence – Action Plan

To receive and note a “Scrutiny Towards Excellence” action plan (SSC/10/10). The action plan has been agreed by the Scrutiny Board as part of the preparatory work for the refreshed audit of the authority’s scrutiny arrangements. Many of the issues identified already have been addressed by most of the Policy & Scrutiny Committees and Area Forums.

6. Arrangements for May

Members are invited to consider arrangements for activities in May.

Do Members wish to further consider this scrutiny in May or June?

An invitation has been received from Essex Police to view 'Operation Mermaid' It is assumed that Members will wish to take up this invitation and it is therefore asked that a date be agreed.

7. Urgent Part I Business

To consider any other items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

8. Exclusion of the Public

To consider whether the public (including the press) should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (exclusion is recommended for the items set out in Part II below).

PART II

(Business to be taken in private)

At the time of preparation, there were no items for inclusion in this part of the agenda.

9. Urgent Part II Business

To consider any other items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.