

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held at County Hall, Chelmsford, at 10.25am on 17 December 2013

Present:

Councillors

Kevin	Bentley	(Chairman) (substitute for Councillor David Finch)
Michael	Danvers	
Mike	Mackrory	
Dick	Madden	
Simon	Walsh	

Councillor John Jowers (Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning) also attended.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor David Finch, for whom Councillor Kevin Bentley substituted.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. SUSCOD Project Events

The Committee received report FTC/17/13 by Councillor John Jowers, Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning, providing feedback on his attendance at the SUSCOD end conference held in Amstertam on 6 November. This was as requested at the Committee's last meeting.

Councillor Jowers commented that the SUSCOD project had been of significant benefit to Essex, and his attendance at the end conference had provided an excellent opportunity to acknowledge this publicly on behalf of the Council.

Members were concerned to learn that Councillor Jowers had experienced problems with his travel and accommodation bookings and requested that officers liaise with the Council's appointed contractor to investigate further.

It was agreed that, while the receipt of feedback reports was an important part of the Committee's work, in future these should be included on agendas only when there were other items of business to be considered.

The report was noted.

3. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 21 January 2014 at 10.30am or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that same morning, whichever is the later.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

Chairman
21 January 2014