

Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and Foreign Travel by Officers

10:30	Tuesday, 23 September 2014	Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex
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Please note: This Committee will commence at the time shown above, or on the rise of the Cabinet meeting to be held that morning, whichever is the later.

Quorum: 3

Membership:

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Part 1

(During consideration of these items the meeting is likely to be open to the press and public)

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12 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 10:30 or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to held that morning, whichever is the later

13 Urgent Business

To consider any matter 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.

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

To consider whether the press and public 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 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, Members are asked to decide whether, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

14 Urgent Exempt Business

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