

Agenda Item 4 Report SSC/03/10

Committee Safer and Stronger Communities P&SC

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ESSEX HERITAGE

Report by Graham Redgwell, Governance Officer

The Committee has agreed that this will be the main topic for scrutiny at the March and April meetings.

As a starting point, the following documents are attached, which Members are invited to peruse before the next meeting:

- Scoping document for the scrutiny.
- Service Asset Management Plan for Environment, Sustainability and Highways Directorate (Historic Environment) 2009 to 2012.
- Planning Policy Statement: consultation paper on a new Planning Policy Statement 15 – Planning for the historic environment.
- Taking forward the Government's response to the Killian Pretty Review.
- Making the most of your local heritage: A guide for Overview and Scrutiny Committees prepared by English Heritage.
- War memorials maintenance, repair and protection – Guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government.
- War Memorials in England and Wales – Guidance for Custodians.

One witness hopes to attend today (but this is subject to confirmation, as she is on holiday at the time of sending out this agenda) . She is Shirley Ratcliffe from the Essex Branch of the Royal British Legion, who will talk specifically about war memorials.

A range of witnesses are being invited to either attend or present written evidence on the more general subject of heritage conservation to the March meeting, which will be held at County Hall.

The April meeting will be held in Waltham Abbey. There will be an opportunity to walk round the town and look at examples of buildings in a conservation area. This will be followed by an 'open house' event at the Town Council offices, where local organisations and members of the public will be able to attend and present comments to the Committee. The day will conclude with a discussion around the issues raised at both meetings and the preparation of an initial draft final report
