Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers

10:15*	Tuesday, 21 February 2017	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:

M Danvers

D Finch

M Mackrory

D Madden

J Reeves

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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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1	Apologies for Absence	
2	Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 January 2017	5 - 6
3	Declarations of Interest To note any declarations of interest to be made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct	
4	Member Travel to Florence, 25-26 April 2017	7 - 10
5	Member Travel to Brussels, 28 February and 1 March 2017	11 - 14
6	Date of Next Meeting To note that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 10.15am or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that morning, whichever is the later.	
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7 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.

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Urgent Exempt BusinessTo 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.