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Safer and Stronger Communities Committee
(Task and Finish Group of the Economic Development, Environment and Highways Policy and Scrutiny Committee)

Date: Friday 9 September 2011
Time: 10.00 am
Venues: Committee Room 1, County 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 Committee meeting held on 15 July 2011.

4. A Board Policy on the Publicly Maintainable Highway (Minute 37/ July 2011)

The purpose of today's meeting is for the Committee to consider the evidence it has accumulated as a part of this scrutiny review, and to reach some conclusions for inclusion in a Scrutiny Report on the management of A Boards on the publicly maintainable highway in Essex.

A briefing paper setting out background on the review so far together with an update from the County Council's Highways Service on a potential A Board Policy is contained in report SSC/15/11.

5. Two Wheeler Road Safety (Minute 33/ July 2011)

The Committee will consider report SSC/16/11 seeking approval for the final draft monitoring scrutiny report on Two Wheeler Road Safety.

6. Scrutiny Review on the Off Site Emergency Planning Requirements around COMAH Sites in Essex (Minute 10/ February and 26/ May 2011)

At its next meeting on 14 October 2011 the Committee will be undertaking a visit to the Port of London Authority in Gravesend.

Based upon the evidence that has been captured so far on this scrutiny review about the off site emergency planning requirements around COMAH sites in Essex, it appears that there may be merit in investigating the information that is provided by the County Council to the public on the Emergency Planning Service and, inter alia, COMAH sites. Consequently it is proposed that at its meeting on 18 November the Committee will focus upon the provision of information associated with the subject of the review.

As part of the preparation for that meeting it is intended that Committee Members will undertake some individual research to identify what information is available on the work of the Emergency Planning Services and COMAH sites elsewhere in the country, and compare it with information available in Essex.

7. Dates of Future Meetings

It is proposed that the following dates be reserved for meetings of this Committee:

Friday 14 October 2011 (Visit)
Friday 18 November 2011
Friday 9 December 2011

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.
