



Community Services Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee Members: Councillors J Smith (Chair), Slatter (Vice-Chair), Blencowe (L sp for Strategic Housing), Bradnack (L sp for Community Development & Leisure), Ellis-Miller, Hughes, Hymans, James, Kightley, Boyce (Alt)

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Non-voting co-optees: Mr Stan Best, Mr Brian Haywood and Mr Lance Routledge.

Executive Councillor Community Development & Leisure: Cllr J Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor Housing & Health: Cllr C Smart

Agenda despatched and placed on public deposit: 5 November 2005

Date: Thursday 17 November 2005
Time: 2.30pm
Place: The Council Chamber, The Guildhall
Contact: John Blunt **Direct Dial:** 01223 457012

Agenda

- 1 [Minutes](#)
To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 22 July 2005 as a correct record.
- 2 **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 3 **Declarations Of Interest**
Members are asked to declare at this stage any interests that they may have in an item shown on this agenda. If any member of the Committee is unsure whether or not they should declare an interest on a particular matter, they should seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services **before** the meeting.
- 4 **Public Questions** (See information below)

<i>Executive Councillor for Housing & Health</i>

Key Decisions

Scrutiny Committee members will be invited to comment on the reports shown below. The relevant Executive Councillor will be present at the meeting and, following consideration by the committee, will make a decision taking into account the Committee's comments.

- 6 [Housing Capital Investment Strategy](#)
(Contact Suzanne McBride, Tel: 457948)
- 7 [Choice Based Lettings](#)
(Contact Jon Feasey, Tel: 457946)

- 8 [Tendering the Private Sector Leasing scheme](#)
(Contact Jon Feasey, Tel: 457946)
- 9 [Private Sector Housing Strategy 2006-2011](#)
(Contact Helen Reed Tel: 457842)
- 10 [Priority List of Bids Received for the Housing Corporation's 2005/6 and 2007/8 National Affordable Housing Programme \(formerly Approved Development Programme \(ADP\)\)](#)
(Contact Sue Dellar, Tel: 457938)

Exclusion Of The Press And Public

Appendices to this report are not for publication, the public is likely to be excluded from the meeting by virtue of paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 during discussion of the appendices.

- 11 [Delegation Of Function For The Housing Act 2004](#)
(Contact Yvonne O'Donnell, Tel 457951)

Non- Key Decisions for pre-scrutiny (referred by members of the Scrutiny Committee)

- 12 [Working Towards a Smoke Free Cambridge](#)
(Contact Roger Coey, Tel 457881)
- 13 [Review of Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 Statement of Policy & Procedures](#)
(Contact Alastair Roberts, Tel 457836)

[To save paper there is a restricted circulation of the appendices to this report. The full documents are available on the Council's website www.cambridge.gov.uk]

Non- Key Decisions for pre-scrutiny

The following item has been referred to the committee for scrutiny before the Executive Councillors make a decision.

- 14 [2005/06 Service Performance Reviews and Revised Revenue and Capital Budgets](#)
(Contact Chris Humphris, Tel: 458141)
- a) Housing General Fund
 - b) Environmental Health (Part)

Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure

Key Decisions

- 15 [Moorings Implementation Policy](#)
(Contact Debbie Kaye, Tel: 457533)

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16 [2005/06 Service Performance Reviews and Revised Revenue and Capital Budgets](#)

- a) [Active Communities](#)
- b) [Arts and Entertainments](#)
- c) [Community Development](#)
- d) [Economic Development and Tourism](#)

17 [Corn Exchange Catering Contract](#)

(Contact Graham Saxby, Tel: 457044)

General Items

18 [Record of Executive Decision: Grant Award To Age Concern Cambridge for the Rent of 3a Parson's Court](#)

19 Forward Plan

The non-key decisions on the current version of the Forward Plan (published 14 October 2005) are set out below so that the Scrutiny Committee can decide which items it wishes to scrutinise at the January meeting.

1. Homelessness Review Contract (Ex Cllr for H&H) - Whether to continue the Homelessness Review contract in place with Sternberg Reed Taylor & Gill Solicitors for a further 12 months.

2. Temporary Housing Review (Ex Cllr for H&H) - To consider the recommendations contained within the Temporary Housing Review report.

Information for the public

Next scheduled meeting

*The next meeting of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for **19 January 2006 at 2.30pm***

Public attendance

You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer, although it may be necessary to ask you to leave the room during the discussion of matters which are described as confidential.

Public Speaking

You can ask questions on an issue included on either agenda above, or on an issue which is within this committee's powers. Questions can only be asked during the slot on the agenda for this at the beginning of the meeting, not later on when an issue is under discussion by the committee.

*If you wish to ask a question related to an agenda item contact the committee officer (listed above under 'contact') **before the meeting starts**. If you wish to ask a question on a matter not included on this agenda, please contact the committee officer by 10.00am the working day before the meeting. Further details concerning the right to speak at committee can be obtained from the committee section.*

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