



East Area Committee

Chair: Councillor Durrant (Labour)
Liberal Democrat Spokesperson: Councillor Smart



City Councillors for the following wards:

Abbey: John Durrant, Caroline Hart, Richard Smith
Coleridge: Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert, Ben Stafford
Petersfield: Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack, Victoria Phillips
Romsey: Iain Coleman, Sarah Ellis-Miller, Catherine Smart

Co-opted non-voting members: County Councillors: Paul Sales (Abbey), Martin Ballard (Coleridge), Nichola Harrison (Petersfield), Jo Toomey (Romsey)
Committee Manager: John Blunt (01223 457012 or john.blunt@cambridge.gov.uk or write c/o Room 11, The Guildhall, Cambridge CB2 3QJ)

Date: Wednesday 5 April 2006
Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start
Place: Lichfield Hall, Lichfield Road

Agenda

Information On Public Speaking

Open Forum: Members of the public are invited to ask any question, or make a statement on any matter related to their local area covered by the City Council Wards for this Area Committee. The Forum will last up to 30 minutes, but may be extended at the Chair's discretion. The Chair may also time limit speakers to ensure as many are accommodated as practicable.

Committee reports by Council officers: If you wish to speak on the reports, please contact the Committee Manager before the meeting starts, alternatively raise your hand and the Chair will call you to speak. You will have up to three minutes to speak. The Chair has discretion over these rules.

Applications for planning permission: public speaking rules are different and are shown under the agenda heading.

1 **Open Forum**

2 [Minutes](#)

To confirm the attached minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2006.

3 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

4 **Apologies For Absence**

5 **Declarations Of Interest**

Members of the committee are asked to declare any interests in the items on the agenda. In the case of any doubt the advice of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services should be sought before the meeting.

6 Consideration of Planning Applications at East Area Committee Meetings

The Civic Affairs Committee on Wednesday 29 March 2006 will have considered the following item on this issue:

East Area Committee on 8th February, at the request of the Chair, considered how best to deal with the numbers of Planning Applications being determined at East Area Committees. Although the applications had reduced in number since early meetings of the Committee, some members had since declined to deal with planning applications and the number of open forum issues had increased.

Taking these issues into account, the Chair felt that, if the Area Committees were to provide a viable neighbourhood Forum, then sufficient time should be provided for consideration of the issues raised. They could only do this by reducing the formal content of the agenda, or splitting the content of the agenda to provide a reasonable content for meetings.

Members discussed the issue and took into account the advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that while the Area Committee could consider the proposal from Cllr Durrant, it could not decide on changes, but could make recommendations to Civic Affairs Committee. It would be up to Civic Affairs to decide whether to recommend any changes to Council. Two or more Civic Affairs Committee members would be able to use the "referral up" procedure to put it before the Council. The meeting format is set out in the constitution and any changes would have to be agreed by Council, not by East Area Committee.

Civic Affairs Committee (by 6 votes to 0) was asked to recommend amendments to the Constitution to allow Area Committees to hold separate meetings for the determination

The Committee will be updated at the meeting on 5 April.

7 Update on Station Area Proposals Planning Committee 5 April

Three public meetings have been held in connection with the station area proposals, firstly, a residents association sponsored event; secondly, a public forum held at the Guildhall on 22 February; and thirdly, a Development Control Forum held on 8 March. The debate included reference to concerns about cumulative impact on development and the conclusions of the debate will be reported to a special meeting of the Planning Committee when it considers the application on 5 April.

On the broader point of cumulative impact of growth on the city and the overall planning strategy, a presentation will be made by the Director of Environment and Planning at the June cycle of area committees. This will allow members and local residents to be briefed on the report of the inspector on the local plan review.

8 Environmental Improvements Programme

To consider the attached report on progress of schemes and officers' recommendations for schemes in hand.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any comments that you want to make about the way the Council is running Area Committees

are very welcome. Please contact the Committee Manager listed at the top of this agenda or complete the forms available at the meeting.

9 Future Dates Of Meetings in 2006/07

To note the following dates and locations for meetings of the Committee

Thursday 22 June - (Cherry Trees)
Thursday 10 August - (Cherry Trees)
Thursday 5 October - (Cherry Trees)
Thursday 30 November - (Cherry Trees)

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Thursday 25 January - (Review location in October)
Thursday 22 March - (Review location in October)
Thursday 17 May - (Review location in October)