

# Cabinet Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,  
Colchester, CO1 1PJ  
Wednesday, 01 February 2017 at 18:00**

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**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Cabinet**  
**Wednesday, 01 February 2017 at 18:00**

**Members:**

Leader and Chairman      Councillor Paul Smith (Liberal Democrats)  
                                    Councillor Tina Bourne (Labour)  
                                    Councillor Mark Cory (Liberal Democrats)  
                                    Councillor Annie Feltham (Liberal Democrats)  
                                    Councillor Dominic Graham (Liberal Democrats)  
                                    Councillor Mike Lilley (Labour)  
                                    Councillor Beverley Oxford (The Highwoods Group)  
                                    Councillor Tim Young (Labour)

**AGENDA - Part A**  
(open to the public including the press)

**Members of the public may wish to note that Agenda items 1 to 5 are normally brief.**

**1      Welcome and Announcements**

- a)    The Chairman to welcome members of the public and Councillors and to remind all speakers of the requirement for microphones to be used at all times.
- (b)   At the Chairman's discretion, to announce information on:
- action in the event of an emergency;
  - mobile phones switched to silent;
  - the audio-recording of meetings;
  - location of toilets;
  - introduction of members of the meeting.

**2      Urgent Items**

To announce any items not on the agenda which the Chairman has agreed to consider because they are urgent, to give reasons for the urgency and to indicate where in the order of business the item will be considered.

**North Essex Garden Communities - Kerslake Peer Review**

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**The Chairman has agreed that the item below should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the undertaking given at the Cabinet meeting of 30 November 2016 that the Kerslake Peer Review be reported at the earliest**

**opportunity.**

See report by the Strategic Director - Commercial and Place

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman to invite Councillors to declare individually any interests they may have in the items on the agenda. Councillors should consult Meetings General Procedure Rule 7 for full guidance on the registration and declaration of interests. However Councillors may wish to note the following:-

- Where a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest, other pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest in any business of the authority and he/she is present at a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, the Councillor must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest, whether or not such interest is registered on his/her register of Interests or if he/she has made a pending notification.
- If a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at a meeting, he/she must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter at the meeting. The Councillor must withdraw from the room where the meeting is being held unless he/she has received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer.
- Where a Councillor has another pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at a meeting and where the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest, the Councillor must disclose the existence and nature of the interest and withdraw from the room where the meeting is being held unless he/she has received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer.
- Failure to comply with the arrangements regarding disclosable pecuniary interests without reasonable excuse is a criminal offence, with a penalty of up to £5,000 and disqualification from office for up to 5 years.

### **4 Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2016.

## **5 Have Your Say!**

a) The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition at this meeting – either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter relating to the terms of reference of the Committee/Panel not on this agenda. You should indicate your wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.

(b) The Chairman to invite contributions from members of the public who wish to Have Your Say! on a general matter relating to the terms of reference of the Committee/Panel not on this agenda.

## **6 Call-In Procedure**

To consider any items referred by the Scrutiny Panel under the call-in procedure. At the time of the publication of this agenda, there were none.

## **7 Strategy/Resources**

### **7(i) 2017/18 Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Medium Term Financial Forecast** 45 - 128

See report by the Assistant Chief Executive

## **8 Housing and Public Protection**

### **8(i) Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2017/18** 129 - 152

See report by the Head of Commercial Services

### **8(ii) Housing Investment Programme 2017/18** 153 - 162

See report by the Head of Commercial Services

## **9 Culture and Regeneration**

### **9(i) Half Yearly Performance Report Including Progress on Strategic Action Plan** 163 - 192

See report by the Assistant Chief Executive and minute 100 from the Scrutiny Panel meeting of 13 December 2016.

## **10 Resources**

### **10(i) Appointment of External Auditor** 193 - 194

See report by the Assistant Chief Executive

- 10(ii) **Member Charter Status** 195 -  
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See minute from the Member Development Group meeting on 26 January 2017.  
The report to the Member Development Group on 26 January 2017 is attached as background.
- 11 **General**
- 11(i) **Progress of Responses to the Public** 217 -  
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To note the contents of the Progress Sheet
- 12 **Exclusion of the Public (Cabinet)**  
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## **Part B**

(not open to the public including the press)