

HALSTEAD LOCAL COMMITTEE



AGENDA

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Date: WEDNESDAY 20th January 2010

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Queens Hall, Chipping Hill, Halstead CO9 2BY (see location map on page iii)

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Local Chairman: Councillor Robert Bolton

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Membership:

Councillor Mrs J C Beavis	Councillor D L Hume	Councillor A F Shelton
Councillor R J Bolton	Councillor N G McCrea	Councillor C Siddall
Councillor J C Collar	Councillor H Messenger	Councillor Mrs G A Spray
Councillor Mrs B A Gage	Councillor J O'Reilly-Cicconi	Councillor F Swallow
Councillor M G Gage	Councillor Mrs J A Pell	
Councillor N R H O Harley	Councillor Mrs W D Scattergood	

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest.

- (a) To declare the existence and nature of any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 5 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.
- (b) Any member with a personal and prejudicial interest to indicate whether he/she intends to make representations in accordance with paragraph 12 (2) of the Code of Conduct as part of Question Time

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2009 and any Matters Arising. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the above meeting (Copy previously circulated)

4. **Question Time – for items not on the agenda.**
(Please see paragraph at the end of agenda)
5. **Local Issues**
 - (a) **Parish Support Grant.** To gain the Committee's views on the agreed scheme for 2010/11, following the decision of Cabinet on 7th December 2009. Appendix F of the Finance papers received at Cabinet – a discussion paper by the Leader of the Council can also be considered. Extract from Cabinet minutes and Appendix F attached at Pages 1 and 5.
6. **Local Decisions - Local Priorities and Action Plan**
 - (a) **Local Committee Budget and Priorities.**
 - (i) To receive recommendations on the business cases submitted, and to consider their approval and funding. (Report to follow)
 - (ii) To determine a Draft Programme of work following the consultation event in September 2009. (Report attached – Page 10)
7. **Consultation Documents**
 - (a) **Budget Consultation 2010/11.** To consider the attached report on Council budget proposals. (Page 13)
 - (b) **Bramford to Twinstead Overhead Line Project.** To consider proposals by the National Grid. Report attached – Page 57.
 - (c) **Litter Strategy.** To consider the report and draft Strategy. (Page 65)
 - (d) **Review of Off-Street Car Parking.** To receive consultation feedback. Report attached – Page 88.
8. **Information Report**
 - **River Colne Countryside Project.** To receive a verbal report.
9. **Future Items**

To note items for the meeting of Halstead Local Committee on 17th March 2010

 - Asset Management Plan 2010/11
 - Leisure Strategy
10. **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.
11. To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of the following item for the reasons set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

At the time of compiling the agenda, there were no items for inclusion in this part of the agenda.

PRIVATE SESSION

12. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter, 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.

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