

AGENDA

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- Committee - **POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL 3**
- Date & Time - **TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 2007 AT 10.00 AM**
- Venue - **NORFOLK ROOM, THE CONFERENCE SUITE, ELIZABETH HOUSE, DEREHAM**

Members of the Committee requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Committee.

Panel 3 Members:

Mr R.G. Kybird (Chairman)	Mr R. Kemp
Mrs S.R. Howard-Alpe (Vice-Chairman)	Mr J.P. Labouchere
Mr G.P. Balaam	Mr B. Rose
Mr P.J. Duigan	Mr F.J. Sharpe
Mrs D.K.R. Irving	Mr M. Spencer

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO TURN OFF MOBILE TELEPHONES

Committee Services
Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke,
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Date: Friday, 16 November 2007

PART A

ITEMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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1. <u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2007.	1 - 9
2. <u>APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies for absence.	
3. <u>URGENT BUSINESS</u> Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Members' Code of Conduct requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest.	
4. <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Members' Code of Conduct requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest.	
5. <u>NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING</u> To note the names of any non-members wishing to address the meeting.	
6. <u>DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE TEAM</u> Report by Daniel Harry, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Team.	10 - 18
7. <u>HOUSING BENEFITS – ANGLIA REVENUES PARTNERSHIP</u> Presentation by the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership.	
8. <u>PRESENTATION ON THE FINDINGS OF THE BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC (BME) RESEARCH AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BME STRATEGY FOR HOUSING</u> Presentation by the Strategic Housing Manager.	
9. <u>BVPI 166 – PEST CONTROL, LICENSING & PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING</u> Report by the Environmental Health Manager.	19 - 24
10. <u>EMERGENCY PLANNING</u> Report by the Environmental Health Manager.	25 - 26

11. **WORK PROGRAMME**

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To receive the Work Programme and note any amendments.

12. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

To note that the next meeting of Policy Development and Review Panel 3 will be held on Friday, 11 January 2008 at 10.00 am in the Norfolk Room, Elizabeth House, Dereham and discuss to dates from February 2008 to April 2008.

PROTOCOL

The Working Style of the Policy Development & Review Panels

This document sets out the roles of Members and Officers, and the general principles to be adopted by the Policy Development & Review Panels (PD&RP) overseeing the Panel's mode of operation.

Member Leadership

Members of the Panel will undertake scrutiny topics as directed by the Overview & Scrutiny Commission (O&SC) and will recognise that best practice identifies scrutiny as a Member-led activity. The Panel will expect Cabinet members, to take responsibility for answering their questions about topics which primarily relate to the Council's activities.

A Constructive Atmosphere

Meetings of the Panel will be constructive and not judgmental. Panel recognises and accepts that effective scrutiny is best achieved through challenging and constructive enquiry. People giving evidence at Panel should be given due respect and not made to feel under attack.

Independence

Members of the PD&RP will not be subject to whipping arrangements by the party groups.

Respect and Trust

Meetings will be conducted in a spirit of mutual respect and trust.

Consensus

Members of the Panel will work together and, while recognising political allegiances, will attempt to achieve consensus and agreed recommendations. There will be recognition that the Panel has a primary duty to scrutinise on behalf of the community.

Openness and Transparency

The PD&RP's business will be open and transparent, except where there are sound reasons for protecting confidentiality. The minutes of the Panel's meetings will explain the discussion and debate so that they can be understood by an outside reader.

Impartial and Independent Officer Advice

Officers who advise and support the Panel will give impartial and independent advice, as officers support all members of the Council.

Regular Review

There will be regular reviews of how the scrutiny process is working, and a willingness to change if it is not working effectively.

Programming and Planning

The Panel will have a programme of work assigned by the Overview & Scrutiny Commission. The Panel will be able to suggest additional topics for review through the O&SC for approval in the work programme. Before each topic is commenced, the O&SC will agree the scope of the exercise, what information they will need initially, and which members, officers and external witnesses they wish to see.

Managing Time

The Panel will aim to conclude the business of each meeting in reasonable time. The order of business will be arranged as far as possible to minimise the demands on the time of witnesses. Where possible, members should give advance notice of specific questions being provided at the time of the meeting to save items being deferred.