

16 January 2008

Dear Councillor

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Thursday 24 January 2008 at 7.45 pm or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

At **7.00 pm**, prior to the question session and meeting, there will be **a presentation about the Buffy Bus** made by a representative of the Buffy Bus Association.

Yours faithfully

ALASDAIR BOVAIRD

Chief Executive

Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements subject to having given two working days prior notice.

A G E N D A PART I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2007 (previously circulated).
- 3 Business Arising.
- 4 **Lead Officer's report (15 minutes)**

Item for Information

This report updates Members on matters arising from the minutes that are not otherwise on this agenda and information items arising since the last meeting of the Committee.

- 5 **Stray Dogs (20 minutes)**

Item for decision

Police involvement with stray dogs will cease from April 2008 and we will have sole responsibility for functions relating to stray dogs including providing a place where dogs can be taken outside our office hours and accepted in to our care. The Council also have to appoint an officer for the purpose of discharging their stray dog function.

6 A Review of Fees and Charges – Environmental Health (20 mins)

Item for decision

An annual review of fees and charges is undertaken to keep pace with inflation and keep in step with internal and external influences on the services. Two areas are particularly featured:

- i) the introduction of a new service to deal with nuisance grey squirrels in properties and
- ii) the introduction of a nominal charge for rat treatments as recommended in a recent audit report.

7 Capital Programme 2008/2009 to 2010/2011 (10 mins)

Item for decision

Members are requested to consider the Draft General Fund Capital Programme for this Committee, details of which are included as Appendix 1 to this report. Members' attention is particularly drawn to specific details of individual capital schemes contained within the report.

8 Housing Revenue (Capital) Account (15 mins)

Item for decision

Members are requested to consider the Draft Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for this Committee, details of which are included as Appendix 1 to this report. Members' attention is particularly drawn to specific details of individual capital schemes contained within the report.

9 Housing Revenue Account Estimates & Rent levels 2008/09 (15 mins)

Item for decision

This report sets out the 2008/09 draft estimates for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The rent levels incorporated into the estimates are based on a formula set by central government and are for confirmation by this Council.

10 General Fund Budget 2008/2009 (20 mins) (to follow)

Item for decision

11 Land at Great Dunmow (10 mins)

Item for decision

This report advises the Committee of a request for it to sell an area of Council owned land at either Rosemary Crescent or Waldgrooms in Great Dunmow to provide an access road to a new development at Buildings Farmhouse.

12 Housing Initiative Task Group (10 mins)

Item for decision

The Committee is asked to approve recommendations from the Housing Initiative Task Group meeting held on 10 December 2007.

13 Replacement of the Existing Thaxted Day Centre (5 mins)

Item for decision

This report is to advise the Committee on the current situation for the procurement of the new Day Centre and to request approval to proceed under exemption to standing orders KK12 Specialised Nature of Works.

14 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: Councillors E C Abrahams, E L Bellingham – Smith, R Chamberlain, E W Hicks, S J Howell, J E Hudson, J E Menell, M J Miller, D J Morson, J A Redfern, D J Sadler, **S V Schneider**, G Sell, C C Smith and A C Yarwood.

Also to:- E Planterose and R Wallace (Museum Society) and Tenant Panel representatives.

Encs: Reports as listed on agenda.

Lead Officer: Diane Burridge
Committee Officer: Cathy Roberts

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