

9 March 2009

Dear Councillor

## **COMMUNITY AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Community and Housing Committee will be held at Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on 19 March 2009 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

Chief Executive

***At 6.45 pm there will be a presentation on the Annual Leisure PFI***

*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 22 January 2009(attached).
- 3 Matters arising.
- 4 **Chairman's items**  
Item for information.
- 5 **Lead Officer's report** (10 minutes)  
Item for information.

This report updates Members on matters arising from the minutes that are not otherwise on this agenda.

6 **Public conveniences in Felsted** (10 minutes)

Item for decision

This report recommends that the council withdraw the management and maintenance of the public conveniences in Felsted and seeks expressions of interest to pilot a community toilet scheme as an alternative.

7 **Land adjacent to Woodview Road, Great Dunmow** (10 minutes)

Item for decision

The Committee is asked to consider a request to sell an area of council owned land.

8 **2009/10 Rent Setting** (15 minutes)

Item for decision

The Committee is asked to agree in principle to amend the 2009/10 rent increase in line with revised guidance and to delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to implement the rent increase and make necessary budgetary adjustments.

9 **Tenant Forum minutes**

Item for information.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2009 are attached.

10 **Housing Initiatives Task Group**

Item for information

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2009 are attached.

11 Any other business which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: Councillors E C Abrahams, E L Bellingham-Smith, R Chamberlain, E Gower, 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 and A C Yarwood.

Also to:

Mrs J Bullen and Mr P Salvidge (Museum Society) and Mrs D Cornell and Mr D Parish (Tenant Panel representatives)

Encs: Reports as listed on agenda

Lead Officer: Diane Burridge

Democratic Services Officer: Maggie Cox

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