

25 March 2003

Dear Councillor

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 – RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

A meeting of Scrutiny Committee 2 – Resources and Environment will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Wednesday 2 April at 7.45 pm or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

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.

Yours faithfully

ELIZABETH FORBES

Chief Executive

A G E N D A P A R T I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2003 (previously circulated).
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Town and Country Planning System – The role of the Government Office (GO-EAST) - Mr John Dowie, Regional Director, will attend the meeting for this item.
- 5 Local Government Improvement Programme. (Report previously circulated)
- 6 Essex County Council Community Strategy. (Report previously circulated)
- 7 To consider any matters arising from the meeting of the Environment and Transport Committee held on 11 March 2003.
- 8 To consider any matters arising from the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 20 March 2003.(See in particular item 10)

- 9 Best Value Reviews - Terms of Reference
- (i) Refuse and Recycling Services
 - (ii) Revenue Services
- 10 Future Work Programme – Oral report.
- 11 To consider any matters referred to the Committee by an individual Member.
- i) The process for handling major planning applications (report attached)
- 12 Any other items that the Chairman considers to be urgent.

PART II

- 13 Golds Nurseries. (Report previously circulated)

To:- Councillors Mrs C A Bayley, **R J Copping**, Mrs D Cornell, R C Dean, Mrs S Flack, M L Foley, M A Hibbs, A J Ketteridge, Mrs C M Little, Mrs J E Menell, A R Row, G Sell, R W L Stone and A C Streeter.

Encs: Reports as listed on Agenda.

Lead Officer: Tony Farrow
Committee Officer: Maggie Cox

MEETINGS AND THE PUBLIC

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council's Committee meetings and listen to the debate.

You also have the opportunity to ask questions or make statements before meetings of the Council and the Resources, Community and Leisure, Environment and Transport, Health and Housing and Scrutiny Committees. This 'question time' takes place at 7.30pm prior to the normal business of the meeting. You must give at least 2 working days notice if you intend to speak. Also, it would be helpful if you could let us know what the questions are, so that we can investigate the issue for you, if possible.

The agenda is split into 2 parts. Most of the business is dealt within Part I which is open to the public. Part II includes items which must be discussed in the absence of the press or public, as they might deal with information which is personal or sensitive for some other reason. You will be asked to leave the meeting before Part II items are discussed.

You are entitled to see any of the background papers that are listed at the end of each report.

If you want to inspect background papers or speak before a meeting please contact either Mick Purkiss on 01799 510430, Maggie Cox on 01799 510369, Cathy Roberts on 01799 510434 or Peter Snow on 01799 510431 or by fax on 01799 510550