

25 September 2007

Dear Councillor

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Wednesday 3 October 2007 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

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
P A R T I**

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2007 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 19 September (attached).
- 3 Matters arising.
- 4 Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Policy Choices and Options For Growth – Call in of decision

The decision at Minute E18 of the meeting of the Environment Committee on 4 September (attached) has been called in at the request of Councillors R M Lemon, J I Loughlin, D J Morson and P A Wilcock.

Councillor Morson's stated reasons for the call in are "on the grounds that, the process was inadequate for a considered decision to be made". Councillor Wilcock's stated reasons are that "I consider that the decision is premature to offer detailed options including one not even considered by officers before the meeting, to go public consultation, without further preparation and detailed research on the impacts both negative and positive of the options put forward to provide sustainable solutions.

The decision on Option 4 is against council policy in that it relies on the second runway and the infrastructure proposals which are against council policy”.

I would like this decision referred to full council for its consideration”.

5 Wicken House Review.

6 Review of Lebanese Evacuation (report attached).

The document was put together by the Scrutiny Committee Task Group as a result of the Lebanon Evacuation in July/August 2006 and is designed to be used as guidance in the event of a similar situations occurring in the future.

It is recommended that the document be forwarded to the Community Committee to be included in the Council’s emergency plans.

7 Decision Lists (attached).

8 Scrutiny Reviews to date.

i) Public Conveniences

ii) Highways Communications

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

To: Councillors S Anjum, R Chambers, **A Dean**, D Jones, R Lemon, D Sadler, G Sell, S Schneider, A Wattebot, L Wells and A Yarwood.

Lead Officer: Tracy Turner

Committee Officer: Peter Snow

MEETINGS AND THE PUBLIC

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council’s Committee meetings and listen to the debate. All agendas, reports and minutes can be viewed on the Council’s website www.uttlesford.gov.uk.

Members of the public and representatives of parish and town councils are now permitted to speak at the meetings. You will need to register with the Committee Officer by 2.00 pm on the Friday before the meeting. An explanatory leaflet has been prepared which details the procedure and is available from the Council offices at Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow.

The agenda is split into two parts. Most of the business is dealt with in Part 1 which is open to the public. Part II includes items which may be discussed in the absence of the press or public, as they may 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, Peter Snow on 01799 510431 or Ellen O'Malley 01799 510433 or by fax on 01799 510550.

FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Council Offices has facilities for wheelchair users, including lifts and toilets. The Council Chamber has an induction loop so that those who have hearing difficulties can hear the debate.

If you are deaf or have impaired hearing and would like a signer available at a meeting, please contact Mick Purkiss on 01799 510430 or email mpurkiss@uttlesford.gov.uk as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

FIRE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

If the fire alarm sounds continuously, or if you are instructed to do so, you must leave the building by the nearest available exit. You will be directed to the nearest exit by Committee staff. It is vital you follow their instructions.

- You should proceed calmly; do not run and do not use the lifts.
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
- Once you are outside, please do not wait immediately next to the building.
- Do not re-enter the building until told to do so.