

1 April 2008

Dear Councillor

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Wednesday 9 April 2008 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

Interim 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 20 February 2008 (attached).
- 3 Matters arising.
- 4 Petition

To receive a petition stating as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents hereby petition Uttlesford District Council’s Scrutiny Committee to undertake a review of the procedures and processes relating to the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Local Development Scheme on information and evidence, consultation, and public involvement, and make recommendations so that future work on the LDF by the Council is carried out in a more thorough and effective manner.”

Signatures follow.

- 5 Scrutiny Work Programme (herewith) and draft Scrutiny Handbook (to follow).
- 6 Update on Recent Scrutiny Investigations.

- 7 Joint Health Scrutiny Panel for West Essex
- 8 Decision Lists (Community, Environment and Finance and Administration attached).
- 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: Alaine Clarke
Committee Officer: Catharine Roberts

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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.

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