



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Environment, Culture and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Thursday 18 December 2008, 7.30 pm
Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Bracknell**

To: ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor Brunel-Walker (Chairman), Councillor Finnie (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Beadsley, Browne, Burrows, Finch, Mrs Fleming, Leake, Mrs McCracken, McLean, Mrs Pile and Mrs Ryder

cc: Substitute Members of the Committee

Councillors Mrs Barnard, Mrs Beadsley, Packham, Mrs Shillcock, Simonds, Turrell and Worrall

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Director of Corporate Services

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AGENDA

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To receive apologies for absence and to note the attendance of any substitute members.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 22 September 2008.

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP

Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, including the existence and nature of the party whip, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

4. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Any other items which, pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman decides are urgent.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

5. PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

To consider the latest trends, priorities and pressures in terms of departmental performance as reported in the Performance Monitoring Report for the second quarter of 2008/09 relating to the Environment, Culture and Communities Department.

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Please bring the previously circulated Performance Monitoring Report to the meeting. Copies are available on request and attached to this agenda if viewed online.

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6. 2009/10 DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS

To consider key themes and priorities for the Environment, Culture and Communities Department as outlined in the Council's Draft Budget Proposals for 2009/10.

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