



COMMITTEE: **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
(COMMUNITY SERVICES)**

VENUE: **Council Chamber, Council  
Offices, Corks Lane, Hadleigh**

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday 25 September 2012  
at 9.30 a.m.**

**Members**

Mrs J Antill  
Mr P D Burgoyne  
Mr B D Hurren

Mr J A B Long  
Mr M Newman  
Mrs A M Norman

Mr J M Owen  
Mr J R A Sayers  
Mr D L Wood

**AGENDA**

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ITEM

BUSINESS

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**PART I**

1 **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Any Member attending as an approved substitute to report giving his/her name and the name of the Member being substituted.

To receive apologies for absence.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any interests as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting.

3 **MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on [22 May 2012](#) as a correct record.

4 **PETITIONS**

The Head of Corporate Organisation to report, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13, the receipt of any petitions submitted to the Chief Executive.

5 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

The Chairman to answer any questions on any matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the District and which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 15.4 – (a) and (b).

**6 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN**

Louise Rawsthorne, Corporate Manager – Housing Revenue Account, to report that in April this year the Government introduced changes to the way in which council housing is financed. This has led to a significant shift in accountability of financial decision making, from central government to local authorities.

In return for taking on additional borrowing – a proportion of the national housing debt, Councils are able to keep all their rental income to re-invest in their housing services.

The Corporate Manager will give a presentation at the meeting on the HRA Business Plan which will provide Members with:

- An overview of the Housing Revenue Account arrangements under the new self-financing system.
- The role our tenants play in deciding the services we deliver.
- Key elements of HRA Business Planning.
- Objectives for the next 12 months.

A similar presentation will be made to the Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee at its meeting on 20 September.

**7 BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL AND SOUTH SUFFOLK LEISURE – PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Paper  
[M85](#)

Report by the Head of Communities attached.

Tracey Copping, Chief Executive of South Suffolk Leisure will be present at the meeting for this item.

**8 REVIEW OF BABERGH'S DISCRETIONARY GRANTS SCHEME**

Paper  
[M86](#)

Report by the Head of Communities attached.

**9 6-MONTH REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING WORK PLAN**

Paper  
[M87](#)

Report by the Head of Communities attached.

**10 ANNUAL REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 2011/12**

Paper  
[M88](#)

Report by the Head of Economy attached.

11 WORK PLAN

Paper  
[M89](#)

Report by the Head of Corporate Organisation attached.

For further information on any of the Part 1 items listed above, please contact Karen Sayer on (01473) 826652 or via email at [committeeservices@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:committeeservices@babergh.gov.uk)

- Notes:
1. A buffet lunch will be provided for Members in Committee Room 1.
  2. At the conclusion of the meeting Paul Dallman, Web-content Coordinator will make a short presentation regarding the new website.

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