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CONSTITUTION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date:	Tuesday, 25 August 2009			
Time:	2.00 p.m.			
Venue:	Committee Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford			
Members	Cllrs	Mrs C F Chapman MBE D Jones M Jones	Cllrs	D Lawrence S F Male A J Shadbolt

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

(To receive the Notes of the meeting of the Constitution Advisory Group held on 21 July 2009 – to follow)

3. **LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

(At the request of the Regulation Committee, to draw the Advisory Group's attention to consideration being given to reviewing the governance arrangements for consideration of liquor licensing applications.

Report of the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Public Protection enclosed)

4. **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(To review the current arrangement for the Development Management to meet twice a month at alternative venues in the light of the consideration by the Development Management Committee at its meeting held on 5 August 2009 and the consultation with the wider Council membership which has taken place since the last meeting of the Advisory Group. Also to endorse the revised wording on the delegation of Regulation 3 and 4 planning applications.

Report of the Head of Development Management enclosed)

5. **OUTCOMES OF THE CONSTITUTION: REVIEW OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

(The Advisory Group at its last meeting agreed to include in its terms of reference, the review of any outcomes of the Constitution, (ie: to review any aspect of the Constitution which appeared to impact upon the efficiency of the Authority or give rise to practical difficulties in terms of implementation.)

This report seeks to review the current provisions relating to approval and amendment of the Capital Programme.

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources to follow).

6. **TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES - CHAIRMANSHIP**

(To clarify the intention with regard to the Chairmanship of Town Centre Management Committees in the light of a recent difficulty which has arisen with regard to interpretation of the terms of reference of one of the Management Committees.

Report of the Head of Democratic Services enclosed)

7. **OUTSIDE BODIES: ADVICE PROVIDED BY THE MONITORING OFFICER**

(The Monitoring Officer has recently circulated to all Members of the Council advice in relation to their role on Outside Bodies: "The Councillors' Roles – General Guidance & Potential Pitfalls and Conflicts". The Chairman of the Advisory Group has asked that this guidance be placed on the agenda, with particular reference to indemnity cover for Members serving on outside bodies.

Copy of Guidance from Monitoring Officer enclosed)

8. **DELEGATION - CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

(Report to follow)

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**