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Dear Sir/Madam

Joint Environment and Communities Overview Committee

Monday 10 January 2005 at 6:30pm

The above meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Knowle, Sidmouth to consider the matters detailed on the agenda below.

The special joint overview committee meeting is to consider the contribution timber homes can make to delivering affordable housing and to consider the Government's enthusiasm for taking forward modern methods of construction; particularly noting the benefits that could flow from speeding up the house building process.

Yours faithfully

MARK WILLIAMS

Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part A

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1. To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.
2. To receive any apologies for absence.
3. To consider any items which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be dealt with as matters of urgency because of special circumstances.

(Note: such circumstances need to be notified in the minutes; any Member wishing to raise a matter under this item is requested to notify the Chief Executive in advance of the meeting.)

4. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which the officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

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| 5. | Presentation on modern methods of construction from Dr Ashley Lane, Partnership Director, Westbury Homes. | |
| 6. | To consider the contribution that timber homes can make to the delivery of affordable housing in the District as part of a balanced housing market. Presentation from Graham Brown, of Warm Wood Housing. (Attached is a copy the minutes of the Environment Overview Committee held on 16 September 2004, which examined the role timber construction could make to the provision of affordable homes). | 3 |
| 7. | The view of the Housing Corporation. | |
| 8. | Building regulations and sustainable construction implications of timber homes and modern methods of construction. | Building Control Manager & Senior Building Control Officer |
| 9. | Design and planning implications. | Head of Planning and Countryside Services |
| 10. | Concluding session – Members are asked to draw together the key findings of the earlier presentations with consideration being given to how these issues could be taken forward. | |

Members remember!

You must declare any personal or prejudicial interests in an item before it is discussed. Make sure you say the reason for your interest as this has to be included in the minutes. If your interest is prejudicial you must leave the room. You also need to declare when you are subject to the party whip, again before the matter is discussed.