

WITHAM LOCAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Tuesday 26th February 2008

Time: 7.15pm.

Venue: Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham (see location map on page 3)

Members of the public and representatives from local organisations are encouraged to come to the meeting, ask questions or raise matters of relevance to Witham and the surrounding area.

Local Chairman: Cllr T J W Foster

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Membership:

Councillor J E Abbott	Councillor Mrs S A Howell
Councillor Miss L Barlow	Councillor P J Hughes
Councillor D L Bebb	Councillor M C M Lager
Councillor K E Bigden	Councillor S J Lambourne
Councillor J G J Elliott	Councillor A M Meyer
Councillor Dr R L Evans	Councillor R G S Mitchell
Councillor T J W Foster	Councillor Mrs J M Money
Councillor Mrs M E Galione	Councillor R Ramage
Councillor J E B Gyford	Councillor W Rose

1. **Opening Items:**

1.1 **Apologies for Absence.**

1.2 **Declarations of Interest.**

To declare any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 5 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.

1.3 **Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2008.**

Copy previously circulated. Minutes are also available on the Council's web site.

1.4 **Public Question Time.**

Immediately after the Minutes of the previous meeting have been approved there will be a period of up to 30 minutes when members of the public can speak about Council business or other matters of local concern. People wishing to speak should contact the Locality Co-ordinator on (01376) 552525 or email david.triggs@braintree.gov.uk prior to the meeting. The Council's "Question Time" leaflet explains the procedure and copies of this may be obtained at the Council's offices at Braintree, Witham and Halstead.

- 1.5 **Witham Skateboard Project.** To receive a presentation from Sam Miller of the Witham Youth Council on a proposed extension to the Spa Road Skate Park.
- 1.6 **Team Around the School Child and Community (TASCC).** To receive a presentation from Liz Stirrat, Essex County Council TASCC Manager for Witham

2. **Local Decisions:**

- 2.1 **Draft Green Spaces Strategy – Stuart Kay.** To consider the attached report – page 1.
- 2.2 **Trial of Enforcing “No Parking” on Grass Verges – February 2008.** To consider the attached report – page 14.
- 2.3 **Witham Newland Street Conservation Area Appraisal - February 2008.** To consider the attached report – page 17
- 2.4 **Improvements to the Blackwater Rail Trail - February 2008.** To consider the attached report – page 24.
- 2.5 **Proposed cycle/pedestrian link from Cypress Road to Cut Throat Lane - February 2008.** To consider the attached report – page 28.
- 2.6 **Choice Based Lettings – Progress and Policy Changes.** To consider the attached report – page 33.
- 2.7 **Witham Public Park - Parks for People Programme.** To consider the attached report – page 46.

3. **Local Priorities:**

3.1 **Action Plan**

To comment on the local priorities Action Plan with a view to making any additions or amendments – copy attached at page 52.

3.2 **To receive report from Members of the Anti-Social Behaviour Sub Group.**

3.3 **To receive a report from Members of the Roads and Traffic Action Group.** At its last meeting the Group reviewed the notes of the meeting headed up Car Parking in Witham Town held on 8th January 2008 and put forward the following recommendation:

Recommended: That the terms of reference of the Group and Membership be reviewed to ensure

- (a) it looks at car parking issues across the Witham Area and not just Witham Town (minute 39 of the WLC held on 6/11/07 refers);
- (b) as far as possible meetings are attended by Councillor representatives from the Town and surrounding areas; and
- (c) the Group reports back to the WLC.

4. Information:

4.1 Local Committee Budgets.

- (a) To consider a report from the Head of Law and Governance on funding for 2008/09 – report attached – page 59.
- (b) To note the current position regarding expenditure of the Local Committee Budgets in 2007/08. Report attached – page 64.

4.2 Witham Sewage Works - February 2008. To consider the attached report – page 65.

5. Future Items:

To note the forthcoming items for the Witham Local Committee: -

5.1 Review of Parking Charges – 1st May 2008

5.2 Appointment of External Representatives - 1st May 2008

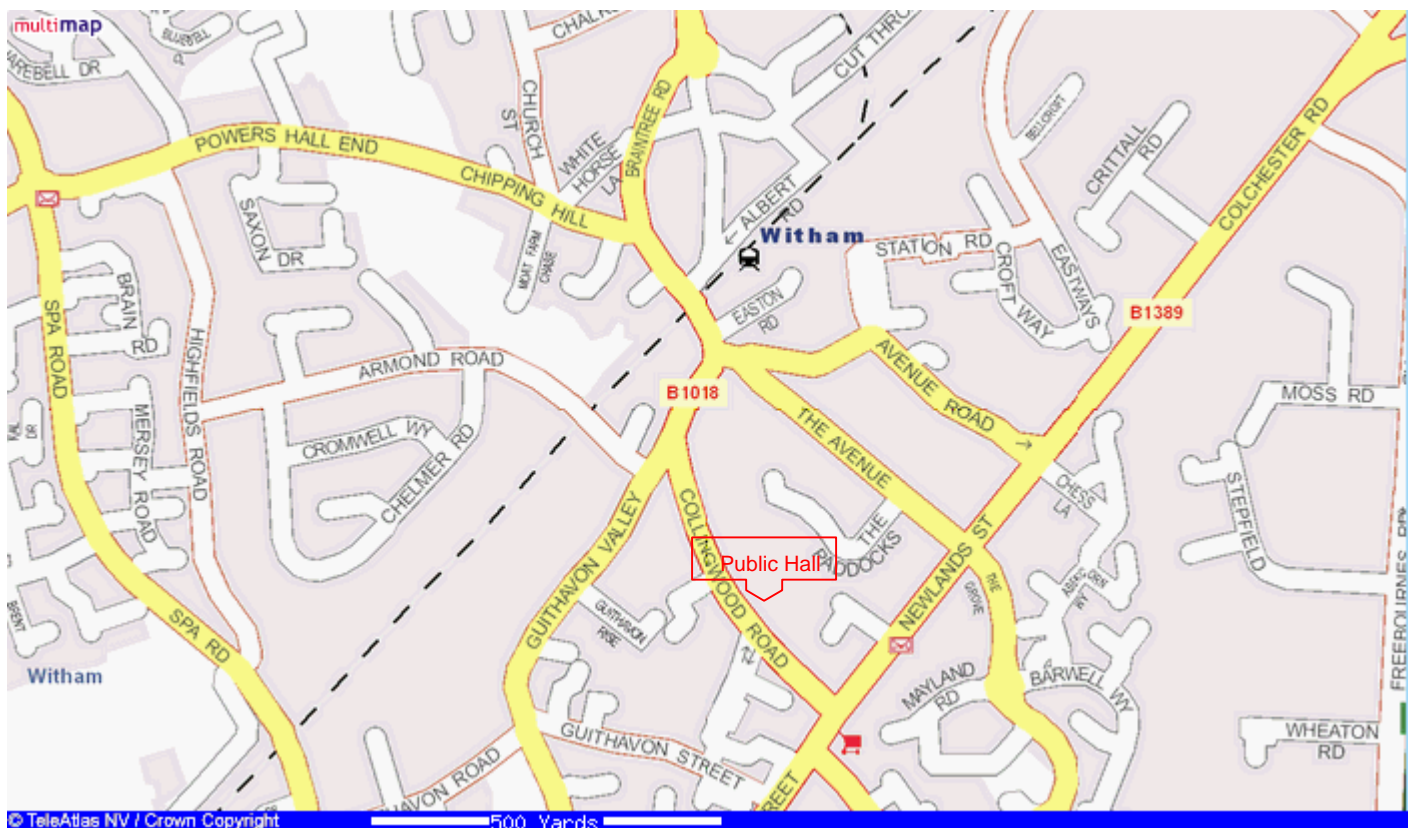
5.3 Draft Community Strategy - 1st May 2008

5.4 Housing Strategy - 23rd September 2008

5.5 LDF Consultation - 23rd September 2008

NOTE - Call in Procedure

Key Decisions can be identified by the prefix **. Any 5 Members of the Council may refer any key decision made on this Agenda to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 'call in'. This must be undertaken within 6 days of publication of the minutes. Any decisions made and not 'called in' by this date and time will become effective



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