



# CABINET AGENDA

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**Date:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Time:** 7.15pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree

## **Membership:**

<u>Cabinet Member:-</u>	<u>Portfolio:-</u>
Councillor G Butland	Leader
Councillor M G Gage	Environment
Councillor N R H O Harley	Economic Development & Transportation
Councillor M C M Lager	Finance & Assets
Councillor Mrs W D Scattergood	Planning and Rural Issues
Councillor Mrs W Schmitt	Public Protection & Healthy Living
Councillor S M Walsh	Housing & Customer Services
Councillor R G Walters	Efficiency & Performance

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## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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**Members of the Cabinet are requested to attend this meeting, to transact the following business: -**

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interests.** To declare any ‘personal’ or ‘personal and prejudicial’ interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) on pages 198-200 of the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 5 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.
3. **Minutes.** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006. (Copy previously circulated)
4. **Public Question Time.** (See above paragraph).
5. ***Improve Performance and Deliver Better Value***
  - (a) Response to investigation into Planning Enforcement. To consider the attached report – page 1.
  - (b) Quarterly Performance Report for April to June 2006. To consider the attached report – page 7. (Quarterly Performance report enclosed).
  - (c) Access to Service Strategy. To consider the attached report – page 10.
  - (d) Write off of Irrecoverable Debt. To consider the attached report – page 22.
  - (e) Local Government Pension Scheme Consultation Paper. To consider the attached report - page 23.
6. ***Help People to Feel Safe and Well***
  - (a) Essex Partnership 101 Single Non Emergency Number Project. To consider the attached report – page 27.
  - (b) Agreement with the Mid-Essex Primary Care Trust. To consider attached report – page 30.
7. ***Create a Cleaner and Greener District***
  - (a) Partnership Working – Discovery Centre/Country Park. To consider the attached report – page 32.
8. **References from Area Committees, Partnership Boards and Other Groups (public session).** To consider recommendations from the following meetings (in public session). – There are no references to report.
9. **Delegated Decisions.** To receive details of any delegated decisions.
10. To receive reports from Cabinet Members on issues/activities that need to be brought to the Cabinet’s attention (public session).
11. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

**To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of the following items for the reasons set out in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.**

PRIVATE SESSION

- 12. Acquisition of Land in Witham. To consider the attached report – page 35.
- 13. **References from Area Committees, Partnership Boards and Other Groups (public session).** To consider recommendations from the following meetings (in private session). There are none.
- 14. To receive reports from Cabinet Members on issues/activities that need to be brought to the Cabinet’s attention (private session).
- 15. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private session by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

If you require any further information relating to this agenda or wish to forward your apologies for absence, please contact David Triggs on 551414 extension 2610 or e-mail [david.triggs@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:david.triggs@braintree.gov.uk)

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