

WITHAM LOCAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Tuesday 15th July 2008

Time: 7.15pm.

Venue: Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham (see location map on page 4)

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 J G J Elliott	Councillor S J Lambourne
Councillor R Elliston	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 1st May 2008.**

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

1.4 **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.

2 **Local Committee Funding**

- 2.1 Bids for grants from the Witham Local Committee.** To consider an application for funding from the Witham Boys Brigade. The Chairman will invite John Boon, Group Leader and Councillor Lucy Barlow to present the application. Evaluation Form attached at page 1.
- 2.2 Kelvedon Springwatch Festival.** The Locality Coordinator has been informed that the Kelvedon Springwatch Festival has been postponed to a date in September due to heavy rain and the fact that Brockwell Meadow was flooded. The Committee is requested to confirm its support for this decision given the funding of £1,180 awarded at the last meeting.
- 2.3 Local Committee Budgets in 2007/08 and 2008/09.** To receive an updated position statement as to the current budget position – report attached at page 3.

3. **Local Decisions:**

3.1 **Rickstones Pavilion**

- (a) To note that Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Witham Local Committee – extract of the relevant minute of Cabinet is attached at page 5.
- (b) To receive a progress report from Councillor Mrs Schmitt, Cabinet Member and Charmaine Dean, Head of Community Services.

3.2 Capital Programme 2008/09. To consider the attached report on the Capital Programme for Witham including a report on the replacement pavilion at Silver Street, Silver End – page 6.

3.3 Petition – New Pedestrian Crossing for Maldon Road, Witham. To consider a petition calling for a pedestrian crossing and the introduction of a 30mph speed limit along the Maldon Road between Saul's Bridge and the Wickham Bishops crossroads. This has been signed by 35 people and will be introduced by Councillor Elliott.

3.4 Waste Facility at Rivenhall Airfield. To consider the attached report on a request for a scoping opinion – page 13.

4. **Witham Local Committee Action Plan and Priorities**

4.1 Witham Local Committee Priorities and Community Led Plans. To receive details of the informal meeting held on 17th June 2008 – notes attached at page 19.

5 **Future Items:**

To note the forthcoming items are scheduled for the next meeting on 23rd September 2008: -

- 5.1 Housing Strategy
- 5.2 LDF Consultation
- 5.3 Draft Community Strategy
- 5.4 Review of Parking Charges
- 5.5 Town Centre Regeneration – Braintree, Witham and Halstead

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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Meeting Attended

Date of Meeting

Comments.....

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