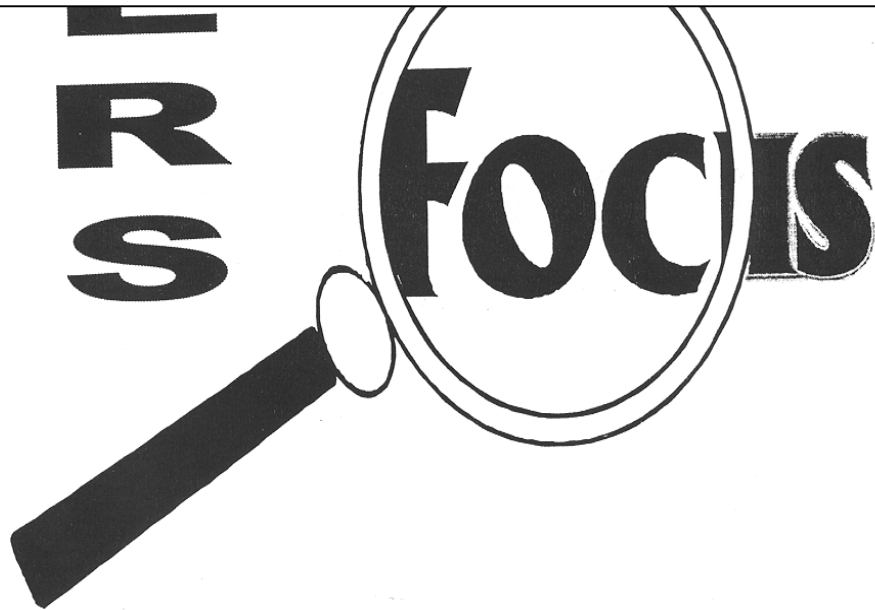


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AREA: ENVIRONMENT

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

SUBJECT: Air Traffic Movement	CONTACT OFFICER: Colin Batchelor
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INFORMATION:	
<p>The National Air Traffic Services (NATS) controls the movement of 2.2 million flights p.a in the UK for the whole of the UK airspace. As the demand for air traffic grows and the requirements of specific airports change, the existing air traffic flow requires redesigning to safely manage the increase.</p> <p>As part of a wider review of air space use NATS is seeking to redesign the TC north region, which covers the air space approaches to Stansted, Luton and London City airports, but also includes accommodating routes from and to the other major airports in the country and over flights by other commercial aircraft.</p> <p>The short-term response to the safe management of aircraft movement has been delays, either on the ground or in the air through holding patterns. The longer-term response is the development of air space.</p> <p>The key priorities for the design are safety, prevention of delay, and environmental considerations. The latter principals require the minimisation of track mileage, the implementation of the continuous descent approach, more efficient flight profiles for approach and departure, and minimising the population over flown.</p> <p>Stansted currently has one holding stack for incoming aircraft, the Abbot stack, located in the North East of the Braintree District. A stack is used to hold aircraft in a circuit at different heights to allow a steady stream of planes into the airport, and is only used when too many flights arrive in the air space at once for the runway to accept. The proposals currently show 2 holding stacks, one for air traffic approaching from the North and West located South of Newmarket over the Cambridgeshire / Suffolk border and one for approaches from the South and East. This is proposed to be located to the west of Ipswich and the South West of Stowmarket.</p> <p>Aircraft holding in a stack will depart the stack at 7,000 feet and shall have a continuous descent approach to Stansted.</p> <p>The effect of the changes in approach also facilitate the departing flights to climb more quickly from the airport, thus minimising the effects at ground level.</p> <p>The impact on the Braintree District should be quite favourable. Two thirds of existing flights will be using the new holding stack, where necessary, and not over flying the district at all. The remaining third will use the repositioned Abbot Stack and hold over mid-Suffolk before a more controlled descent across the district into Stansted. Departing aircraft will be climbing higher more quickly and therefore affecting the district much less.</p>	

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Observations by Braintree District Council Environmental Protection may result in the repositioning of the Abbot stack over a main highway to mask the impact of any noise effects. This would be even further from Braintree District.

The proposal is still at the design stage and will be up for public consultation in Sept 07 for 12 weeks. Comments from the consultation will be taken into account and the final scheme implemented in spring 2009.

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AREA: All

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: A better place to live work and play

SUBJECT: Braintree Halstead & Witham Citizens Advice Bureau and Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency	CONTACT OFFICER: Angela Verghese External Funding & Voluntary Sector Development Manager
TEL/EMAIL No: 01376 551414 Ext 2329 – angve@braintree.gov.uk	BACKGROUND PAPERS:
<p>With effect from 1st April 2006 the Council agreed to provide funding for both Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency (BDVSA) for 2006/7 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAB £115,506• BDVSA £ 20,000 <p>This funding is provided subject to compliance with individual Service Level Agreements that contain 6 monthly monitoring requirements, previously agreed with both organizations. The aim of this monitoring system is to evidence the use to which the Council's funding is being put and to encourage the ongoing development and sustainability of both the CAB and BDVSA.</p> <p>The first 6 monthly monitoring information for 2006/7 is given below:</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monitoring Report for Braintree District Council</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Period: April to September 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepared By: Paul Hart – District Manager</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18th September 2006</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Section 4 of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) in effect between Braintree District Council (BDC) and Braintree, Halstead & Witham Citizens Advice Bureau (BHW CAB) identifies the monitoring arrangements by which BHW CAB will inform BDC of their activities. The SLA details in section 4.1.3 the information that BDC requires on a six monthly basis. The purpose of this report is to provide BDC with the information required concerning the operation of BHW CAB over the period of April to September 2006. All client contact is recorded on CASE, our</p>	

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electronic case management system and this provides a means of producing client statistics. Information on volunteers and fundraising has been obtained from BHW CAB office records.

Total Number of Clients

	Apr-May-Jun	Jul-Aug-Sep	New	Repeat	Total
Clients	1,020	808	1,532	296	1,828

Numbers up to 16th September

Total Number of Client Contacts

	Apr-May-Jun	Jul-Aug-Sep	Total
Client Contacts	2,499	1,844	4,343

Numbers up to 16th September

Total Number of Enquiries (by category)

<i>CATEGORY</i>	Apr-May-Jun	Jul-Aug-Sep	Total
<i>CONSUMER</i>	219	146	365
Welfare Benefits	754	715	1,469
Housing	229	167	396
Taxes	37	26	63
Health	51	33	84
Money Advice	1033	602	1,635
Employment	365	298	663
Family & Personal	360	327	687
Immigration	12	17	29
Education	6	13	19
Other	59	66	125
Total	3,125	2,410	5,535

Numbers up to 16th September

Note: Some enquiries span more than one category so the total exceeds the number of client contacts

Number of Volunteers

The average number of volunteers operating from our three sites over the period of April to September 2006 has been 38 of which 5 are clerical, 6 are trainees and 27 are trained advisers.

Number of Volunteer Hours

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Our volunteers give on average 6 hours per week of their time to the bureau. This gives an estimated weekly total of 228 hours. Over the 24 weeks from April this amounts to a total of 5,472 hours.

Number of Funding Applications

There have been three new applications for funding made in this financial year.

The most significant of the three applications was made to The Fowler, Smith & Jones Charitable Trusts in August for £7,372 towards the cost of our Money Advice Service. The status of this application is classified as **pending decision**.

An application was made to the Braintree & Bocking Civic Society in May for £868 to replace an oak external door at our Braintree site. The status of this application is classified as **successful**.

An application was made to the East of England Co-operative Society in July for £250 to replace a document shredder at our Witham site. The status of this application is classified as **successful**.

Amount and Source(s) of Funding Secured

Source	Amount	Purpose
APRIL		
Essex County Council	£5,000	Adult Social Care Grant for Disability
Coggeshall Parish	£300	Donation for Outreach Service
Bures Parish Council	£25	Donation for general running costs
Clients	£105	Donations for general running costs
Sub Total	£5,430	
MAY		
Braintree District Council	£57,803	Grant for General advice Service
Essex Community	£1,360	Grant for IT equipment
Kelvedon Parish Council	£200	Donation for general running costs
Belchamp Walter Parish	£25	Donation for general running costs
Sub Total	£59,388	
JUNE		
Lloyds TSB Foundation	£5,000	Grant for Money Advice Service
Great Notley Parish	£100	Donation for general running costs
Clients	£158	Donations for general running costs
Sub Total	£5,258	
Essex County Council	£12,143	Grant for Money Advice Service

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Essex County Council	£12,143	Grant for Money Advice Service
Witham Town Council	£4,000	Grant for Money Advice Service
Coggeshall Parish Council	£150	Donation for Outreach Service
Silver End Parish Council	£200	Donation for general running costs
Clients	£42	Donations for general running costs
Sub Total	£16,535	
AUGUST		
East of England Co-operative Society	£250	Donation for replacement document shredder
Clients	£61	Donations for general running costs
Sub Total	£311	
SEPTEMBER		
Clients	£20	Donations for general running costs
Sub Total	£20	
Grand Total	£86,942	

Additional Requirements: All of which have been provided to Braintree District Council in hard copy

- Report & Accounts 05/06
- Business & Development Plan
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Fundraising Strategy

Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency

Monitoring Information- Braintree District Council Period April 1st to July 31st 2006

No of Member organisations - 218

No.of Enquiries

(Estimated from enquiries taken during a 2 week monitoring period in June 2006)

Type of Enquiry	No.
Volunteering	352
Funding & Training	64
Governance/General	152
Resources (Equipment Loan etc)	48
Info.about voluntary organisations/services	32
Greenfingers Project	176

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Opportunities	
advertised on Do-it.org.uk at end of July	143

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New opps on Do-it April-July	1
May newsletter	7
July Snippets	1
April to end July	No.
Volunteers registered	86
Volunteers referred	45
Volunteers placed	15

June & July records lost due to computer hard drive failure-figures a best estimate from retrieved data

No.of Organisations given funding advice

Method	No.
Direct to organisation	10
May Newsletter	4
July Snippets	1
Mailshot	33 organisations

No. of organisation given governance/general information-5

Voluntary Sector Representation

Meetings attended	19
Consultations responded to	3
Consultations redirected to appropriate vcs contact for response	4

No.of Networking Events organised-6

Event	Organisations attending
Sible Hedingham Village Roadshow	6
Coggeshall Village Roadshow	5
Great Yeldham Village Roadshow	5
Great Bardfield Village Roadshow	2
BDVSA AGM	29
Coffee House Challenge	7

Funding Applications Submitted-3

1 was successful and 2 are pending

Additional Requirements: Which have either been provided in hard copy or are awaited prior to the year end:

- New Constitution
- Report & Accounts 05/06
- Business Plan

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- Fundraising Strategy – not yet provided (required by 31/3/07)
- Customer Satisfaction Survey – not yet provided (required by 31/3/07)

AREA: Community Safety and Development

Date: 13th December 2006

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: Meeting Community Needs

SUBJECT: Creating a better future for Children and Young People in the Braintree District – Joint Conference CDRP & CYPSP	CONTACT OFFICER: Janet Peatling
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<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>This conference took place on 30th November 2006 at Towerlands, Braintree. 120 delegates attended from across the two partnerships organisations. 4 Students from Tabor and 4 Students from Alec Hunter Secondary Schools attended the day and were actively involved in the workshops. Rickstones Drama Students put on a performance after lunch that depicted how perceptions of young people were not always correct.</p> <p>A young person that has received multi-agency partnership intervention with positive sustained outcomes also attended the conference and was able to answer questions about his experiences. His mother accompanied him and took part in the Empowering Parents workshop.</p> <p>On the evening of 30th November 2006, Cllr Wendy Schmitt appeared on Anglia TV along with a clip from the Rickstones Drama Students performance on perceptions.</p> <p>The conference was considered a success and it is planned to hold it on an annual basis.</p> <p>The aim of the conference: The Braintree District Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Children's and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership are committed to developing initiatives to support children and young people at the earliest opportunity to promote positive attitudes and behaviours and reduce the risk of anti-social behaviours and, where this happens, to provide a framework to reduce escalation of these behaviours.</p> <p>This conference is designed to raise awareness of the two partnerships and to</p>	

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give an opportunity for practitioners to focus together on how we can improve outcomes for children and young people, their families and the communities we serve in meeting two of the key priorities of the Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP).

'Reduce the number of Children and Young People who have been the victims of crime and anti-social behaviour e.g. bullying'

'Reduce offending by increasing positive attitudes and behaviours amongst those at risk of offending or who are offenders'

Delegates had the opportunity to attend five workshops:

1 PERCEPTIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Outlines: Exploring stereo typing of young people in relation to dress, attitudes and behaviour. Looking at how this influences people's perceptions.

2 INTERVENTION/ ASB GROUP WORK

Outline: Working with groups of youngsters causing and at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour. This initiative will involve working with the young people and their parents as a whole group, aiming to collectively address and change behaviour.

3 PREVENTION METHODS USED IN SCHOOLS

Outline: Participants were given a brief overview of the work of Behaviour Support before taking an in-depth look at the anti-bullying initiatives and project work being promoted right now at a local level.

The session provided opportunities to see collaborative working with schools and within schools towards creating a safer culture. Peer Support, the Support Group Approach, Bullying Awareness Days and the role of the bystander are just some of the components included in the workshop through video, slide show and discussion.

4 EMPOWERING PARENTS

Outline: The work shop took delegates through a 'parenting session', outlining ways in which we can empower parents and how the importance of support is a key element. They discussed issues such as 'What is needed to assist parents?' When will support be offered and how will that support be delivered.

5 IDENTIFICATION OF NEED AND EARLY INTERVENTION

Outline: This workshop examined the role of the Early Intervention Project, and discussed tools for early intervention particularly the Common Assessment Framework

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AREA: All

CORPORATE THEME HEADING:

SUBJECT: Discussion Forum on Local Government White Paper	CONTACT OFFICER: Linda Morgan
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INFORMATION:	
<p>Readers might want to take the opportunity to engage in a discussion on the new Local Government White Paper at</p> <p>http://forum.communities.gov.uk/lgwp</p> <p>The Government launched <i>Strong and Prosperous Communities – The Local Government White Paper</i> on October 26. You can read Ruth Kelly's statement to the House of Commons, and read or download the full document and summary of key points from the Communities and Local Government website. (hard copies are available on request from Linda Morgan)</p> <p>As the title suggests, the White Paper is about creating strong, prosperous communities. It sets out a radical, devolutionary agenda that will fundamentally re-balance the relationship between central and local government. It will also significantly change the way that local government interacts with other local service providers, and with local citizens and community groups.</p> <p>Some of the proposals in the White Paper will require legislation (as announced in the Queen's Speech, a local government bill will be introduced in this session). But central government can only do so much. The vision in the White Paper will become a reality only if local authorities embrace it, and make the most of the opportunities offered.</p> <p>The question on the discussion forum is this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the priorities for local government in implementing the white paper? <p>The forum will be run for at least a month, and the views of Local authorities, local service providers, members of the public, and everyone else is welcomed: this is your chance to say what you think the priorities for local government should be.</p>	

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AREA: All Areas

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: Create a better place to live, work and play

SUBJECT: Cricket Equipment for sports project	CONTACT OFFICER: James Martin Ext. 2353
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INFORMATION: Cricket Equipment for Sports Project; The Lords Taverners, accredited by the England & Wales Cricket Board has granted cricket equipment to vale of £200 after a successful funding application completed by Nacro Braintree Community Sports Project. (BCSP) The cricket equipment consisting of bats, batting pads, gloves, wicket keeping pads, and helmets. This will provide new opportunities for young people at grassroots level to get involved with cricket. The Braintree Community Sports Project (BCPS) is dedicated to changing lives and creating opportunities for young people aged 5 – 17. The project began in 2001 and has since welcomed over 2,000 young people to its sports session throughout the District of Braintree. The BCSP will look to use this new equipment and start a new cricket session in the 2007, which will enable the project to expand on the range of sports activities that are on offer to young people from the local Community. The Project currently has two volunteers who are members of the Braintree Cricket Club, in which it is hoped that links from the social inclusion BCSP session could be linked into mainstream sports/ cricket clubs. This link will enable young people from a disadvantage background to participate in physical activities in a mainstream club without the feeling of exclusion. James Martin 01376 552525 ext 2353	

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AREA: Housing

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: A Better Place to Live, Work and Play

SUBJECT: New Allocations Policy Consultation	CONTACT OFFICER: Tim Lucas
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<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>We are in the process of consulting on a new allocations policy that will change the way housing applications are prioritised. A new draft allocations policy is being posted on our web-site together with details of the planned timetable for consultation and documents to permit feedback. The consultation will run until mid-March 2007.</p> <p>The decision to undertake this change in policy is in response to 2 main changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are planning to implement a 'Choice Based Lettings' (CBL) system. Such a system requires a simpler system for prioritising applications. Even if we do not proceed, we believe the proposed policy will be of benefit to people applying for housing locally. If we do proceed, it would not be feasible to implement CBL unless policy changes are made.• At the time of writing, the outcome of the ballot has not been announced. The new policy has been written in such a way that it has regard to the separation of the allocations and housing management functions; the policy will be valid whether or not stock is transferred. <p><u>Assessing Priority</u></p> <p>The biggest change proposed under the new policy is how we prioritise applications. Like many Councils, Braintree uses a points system. Points are awarded according to an applicant's circumstances and cover a range of factors about the household's situation. Points are cumulative – they are awarded to reflect, for example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• relative lack of security,• medical factors,• overcrowding and• sharing of facilities <p>The key change proposed is to move to a system that is based on 'banding'. In place of a system that can award a range of points from 20 to over 100, it is proposed that applications are placed into one of 4 bands that are designed to reflect the urgency of the application, based on the most serious factor in the application. Bands are not 'cumulative' and factors that are taken into account include elements that allow best use of the housing stock, for example by prioritising moves that free up larger properties.</p> <p>The main advantage of such a system is that it is easier for applicants to understand – research has shown that very few people understand how their</p>	

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application was 'pointed'.

In turn, it allows greater 'transparency to the way the system works.

The Consultation

The consultation process is intended to permit people to comment in the way that suits their needs:

- Anyone can comment on the consultation via documents on the web or from Council Offices
- We are planning to consult with existing forums (such as existing tenant groups) *and*
- We will be establishing a programme of meetings in the New Year to scrutinise elements of the proposed policy with other organisations that we work with.

We are currently setting up the project team with relevant council offices and are planning to consult the relevant Policy Development Group(s) in the New Year.

The officers managing the project are Ellie Vermeulen and Tim Lucas contact 01376 551414

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CHARTER MARK SUCCESS

Planners are celebrating after a prestigious Charter Mark was awarded to Braintree District Council for development services.

It is the fourth time it has been achieved, the first being in 1993 when Braintree was the first district council to receive the accolade for planning. Since then assessment for the award, which recognises excellence in public services, has become even more rigorous. The process involved a two-day inspection earlier this year and interviews with local organisations, partners and service users.

It covers development control, building control, sustainable development, community transport, landscapes, economic development and rural policy. **Councillor Wendy Scattergood**, cabinet member for planning and rural affairs, said thanks were due to the team who had worked on the application for a Charter Mark.

"This is a ringing endorsement of the quality of work and the commitment of all our staff, and they deserve our congratulations.

"It is not easy to win this award, particularly in planning. Braintree District Council was the first and it is excellent news that 13 years later those very high standards are being maintained."

NOTES: The Charter Mark scheme, open to all public sector organisations, concentrates on six criteria for applicants to achieve.

- Set standards and perform well
- Actively engage with customers, partners and staff
- Be fair and accessible to everyone and promote choice
- Continuously develop and improve
- Use resources effectively and imaginatively
- Contribute to improving opportunities and quality of life in the communities served

For more press information or enquiries contact Peter Crofts, director, on 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE TIDY

A team of Santa's little helpers have been drafted in to highlight a special festive anti-litter campaign.

The Food on the Go project is aimed at tackling the amount of fast food litter dropped by thousands of revellers over the Christmas period.

The campaign, which is being run by Braintree District Council, will particularly target the 18 to 25 age group, with cheeky slogans to encourage people to use litter bins after finishing their snacks at the end of a night out. It will be in the spotlight on Friday evening (December 15) from 7pm, when a bus will be touring Braintree town centre and Halstead High Street. Council officers and colleagues from Chelmsford and Colchester councils will be dressed in their festive finest to promote the campaign from the open-top bus.

They will also be going into pubs and clubs, giving out free goodies, including Santa hats and key ring bottle openers carrying an anti-littering message. The team has already visited all the pubs and fast food outlets in Braintree, Witham and Halstead, delivering posters and encouraging staff to wear special tee-shirts and Santa hats with anti-littering messages. The campaign is also being run in Chelmsford and Colchester and Braintree District Council is working in partnership with the other councils.

Councillor Michael Gage, cabinet member for the environment, said tackling food litter was a major challenge in all town centres.

"Unfortunately after a few drinks some people forget themselves and discard half-eaten burgers, chips and other food. Food litter is one of the biggest problems in town centres.

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"We hope that this latest campaign will help to avoid this very unwelcome product of our fast food culture.

"It costs £200,000 for street cleaning in the district each year and a large part of that is fast food rubbish."

For more press information or inquiries contact Tania Roberge, 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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NEWS

FROM CANS COME TREES

An incredible 12 million aluminium cans have been recycled by residents in the Braintree district over the past 18 months.

That adds up to 184 tons of aluminium and because Braintree District Council has signed up to a scheme to replant trees it can claim one for every tonne collected.

The aluminium recycling organisation Alupro has donated the trees to the scheme, which ensures that each can recycled contributes towards the planting of a new tree.

Under the scheme ten per cent of the trees go to be planted in Africa, leaving Braintree with 166. That is good news for a Witham school, which is getting 100 of them with the others being planted in Braintree and Halstead.

Green-fingered pupils at Templars Junior School will be planting the new trees at their school on Thursday. (Dec 7)

Angela Norton, community landscape officer at Braintree District Council, helped to create a nature garden at the school last year and she will be back on Thursday to help plant the new trees.

Councillor Michael Gage, cabinet member for the environment, said he was delighted at the number of cans collected.

"Recycling aluminium is one of the best things an individual can do to help the environment because making a new can from recycled ones saves 95 per cent of the energy needed to make one from raw materials.

" It can also be recycled over and over again without losing quality.

"Planting the trees also helps offset some of the carbon dioxide produced by our collection vehicles, which further reduces our impact on climate change."

For more press information or enquiries contact Ros Alam, 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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NEWS

RECYCLING CYCLES

Soldiers serving sentences for breaching military rules are repairing bicycles from Braintree District Council for shipment abroad.

The council was approached by staff at the Military Corrective Training Centre in Colchester, who were looking for unwanted cycles for a new project at the centre.

Major Neil Lewis, who is in charge of vocational training, came up with the idea to keep detainees occupied and to teach them skills which may be of use when they return to civilian life.

The district council has agreed to supply the centre with old bikes, left behind at empty council houses or dumped at flytips. The first batch has now been collected and the soldiers will be taught how to refurbish them.

The cycles will then be given to Re-cycle, an Essex-based charity which collects and ships second-hand bikes to parts of Africa, where they are distributed to local people who urgently need transport.

Councillor Michael Gage, cabinet member for the environment, said Braintree District Council had been sending unwanted cycles to Re-cycle direct for the last couple of years and he welcomed the Army's involvement. "This really is a win, win, win situation. Instead of being scrapped the bikes are proving invaluable to people who urgently need them. The soldiers will be gaining new skills for the future and it will ease the pressure on the band of Re-cycle volunteers, who work so hard for the charity."

The council will be supplying bikes to the MCTC on a regular basis. It collects an average of between 20 and 30 a month.

For more press information or enquiries contact Peter Chisnall, 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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NEWS

TACKLING THE BULLIES

Shocking new research, released to mark antibullying week, shows that the problem causes 20,000 children a day to play truant.

And as the Government launches a drive to tackle prejudice-based bullying in schools the whole issue is coming under the spotlight in Braintree.

A special conference is being held to look at ways of cutting the number of young people being bullied or affected by antisocial behaviour in the Braintree district.

A group of drama students from Rickstones School in Witham will be helping to get across some of the problems young people face with a special performance showing how older people's perceptions can often be very wrong.

It is the first joint conference between the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) and the Braintree District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) for those working on the front line to tackle the problems.

Both of the partnerships are committed to developing initiatives to support children and young people as early as possible to promote positive attitudes. This cuts the risk of antisocial behaviour, but where it does happen the aim is to provide a framework to deal with it effectively.

The focus of the day-long event will be on two key priorities. The first is to reduce the number of children and young people who have been the victims of crime and antisocial behaviour such as bullying.

The second is to cut offending by increasing positive attitudes in those who have committed offences or are at risk of doing so.

Councillor Lady Patricia Newton, lead member for children and young people, said: "This is partnership working at its best with everyone striving to give our children and young people the help and support they deserve.

"It is vital we continue with such initiatives if we are to help some of the most vulnerable youngsters and also to reduce the effect problems can have on the rest of the community."

The event will be opened by newly-appointed Assistant Chief Constable Carmel Napier.

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All those attending will have the chance to attend five workshops covering topics including prevention methods in schools, working with groups to address antisocial behaviour and support for parents.

These will be run by members of the partnerships, including Braintree District Council, Essex Police and Essex County Council.

The conference is being held at Towerlands in Panfield Lane, Braintree, on Thursday November 30.

NOTE: The charity Beatbullying last week launched its report examining how bullying, or the fear of it, is causing a third of the truancies nationwide – 20,000 a day.

For more press information or enquiries contact Helena Goodwin, community safety manager, on 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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NEWS

WARNING OVER SILENT KILLER

As the cold weather approaches a fresh warning has been issued about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

About 20 people in this country die each year from poisoning associated with gas appliances and environmental health officers at Braintree District Council are urging everyone to make sure they are safe.

Carbon monoxide (CO) fumes cannot be seen, smelt or tasted and in the worst cases it can kill without warning within hours – as seen with the tragic deaths of two young children on holiday in Greece recently.

Symptoms to watch out for include tiredness, drowsiness, headaches and breathlessness.

Property owners are being asked to get appliances checked by a Corgi-registered plumber and to make sure they are being used correctly. A good supply of fresh air is vital as CO is produced when there is not enough air for complete burning of the fuel.

Tell-tale signs of problems on boilers, fires and cookers include:

- Yellow or orange flames (except for fuel-effect fires displaying this colour flame)
- Soot or stains around the appliance

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- A pilot light which frequently blows out
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Health officers are also calling for people to use recommended CO detectors as well as having regular checks and servicing of appliances.

Landlords have a duty to ensure at least annual checks are done and should provide tenants with copies of gas certificates if asked.

Councillor Wendy Schmitt, cabinet member for public protection and healthy living, said: "Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer and that is exactly what it is.

"It may sound like common sense to have gas appliances checked regularly but far too many people don't bother, either because they just don't get round to it or because it saves money.

"What is more important, paying the plumber or paying with your life? In some cases that is the stark choice and we must try to ensure there are no such tragedies in the Braintree district this winter."

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For more press information or inquiries contact Haydn Bates, principal environmental health officer, 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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CENTENARIAN IVY'S SPECIAL TRIP

From the young to the not so young Braintree District Council's community transport drivers have a wide range of passengers.

But it is not often they find themselves chatting to someone just a couple of days away from becoming a centenarian.

But that is what will happen to driver Sheila Digby on Tuesday (December 5) when she takes Ivy Cook to her weekly appointment with her hairdresser. Mrs Cook is Braintree Community Transport's first member to reach 100. She has been using the social car scheme to get to her hair appointments for the last four years.

The scheme was launched eight years ago and has grown year on year. Last year 42,000 passengers were taken to appointments, shopping, social events and day trips. There are 30 volunteer drivers using their own cars and a fleet of six fully accessible minibuses.

Individual residents or non-profit-making groups who have restricted mobility, a disability, are rurally isolated or unable to use conventional public transport can join the scheme. It is subsidised by Braintree District Council and Essex County Council.

There are currently 821 active members of the social car scheme and 127 registered groups.

Councillor Wendy Scattergood, cabinet member for planning and rural issues, said the social car scheme was about far more than getting from A to B.

"Members build up a rapport with the drivers and feel very relaxed with them and real friendships are formed as a result. The scheme provides a vital lifeline for many who would otherwise be isolated."

- For information about volunteering or becoming a member call 01376 327357.

For more press information or enquiries contact Tracey Corcoran, community transport co-ordinator on 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMUNITY WARDENS TEAM

The whole of the new community wardens team meet the public for the first time in Market Place, Braintree on Friday 8th December. With council Chairman David Finch, Police Central Divisional Commander Win Bernard, leading councillors and parish and town representatives, at a brief presentation in the Town Hall Centre, the role of the new wardens is explained with details of who is assigned to each of the three main towns and groups of parishes throughout the district.

Cllr Wendy Schmitt comments: "They'll be involved with almost anything: whether it's litter, or nuisance behaviour or helping to involve people with community events, if that will help solve a local problem. They'll work with parish and town councils, residents and community groups and be a link to other organisations including health and police. They'll want to get to know people; to build trust by being effective in their jobs and we look forward to seeing how this new team will make a difference to local communities."

Notes

Four extra full time and three part time community wardens bring the team to ten: to be out and about throughout the district, getting to know local communities and helping to resolve local problems. Building on the experience of the parish rangers throughout last year, the new wardens are practical people who will work days, evenings and weekends, according to local needs and concerns. Their training will qualify them for Police Accreditation, which means that in some circumstances, they can issue fixed penalty notices and will be recognised by courts as approved witnesses. They can require a name and address to be given, which is the starting point for any following police support or action.

For more press information or enquiries contact: Chris Trim, 01376 557752.
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NEW ALL-WEATHER PITCH COMPLETED

A new all-weather pitch, part of a £2 million project, has been completed in Witham.

Braintree District Council was granted £1m by the Football Foundation for the scheme, which also includes changing rooms and a pavilion at the Bramston Sports Ground in Spinks Lane. It is the highest grant possible from the UK's largest sports charity.

The completion of the pitch marks the first phase in the scheme, across the road from Bramston Sports Centre, The John Bramston School and the new adult community education centre.

The pavilion, with changing rooms, officials' rooms and a meeting and teaching room, is due for completion next summer. The new facilities will support activities on the seven grass pitches on the site.

Councillor Wendy Schmitt, cabinet member for public protection and healthy living, said: "This new pitch is a vital part of football development in the community and, in particular, it will enable the growth of girls' and women's football.

"The Football Foundation recognises that grass roots football is the lifeblood of the game and in granting us £1 million saw what a difference it would make to have this top quality facility in Witham."

While football is hugely popular in the area, and will be the principal sport played on the new pitch, the specification will also enable hockey to be played, as community interest in the sport has been firmly established.

For more press information or enquiries contact Taiwo Ajayi on 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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PERCY PENGUIN THE TALKING LITTER BIN ARRIVES IN COLNE ENGAINE

On Monday 27th November, school children from Colne Engaine Primary School joined Councillor Michael Gage to welcome Percy Penguin, the talking waste bin, to their school.

Percy is the first talking waste bin to be used in the District. The penguin has five novelty messages, triggered by putting litter in his mouth, such as "Thank you for feeding me" and "Yum, yum". During term time, the school caretaker will place Percy outside the school gate each day or where the school feels he would be most useful.

Cabinet member Michael Gage comments: "The school and the parish council are keen to work with us to help teach the youngsters to dispose of their litter in a responsible way. Always putting your rubbish in a bin is a good habit to get into and the younger we learn good habits the better, feeding Percy is a fun way to do it."

For more press information, contact: PR Section 01376 557752

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RECYCLE AND REPLANT

Residents are being urged to recycle and replant at the end of the festive period.

Braintree District Council is holding a special Christmas tree recycling day after twelfth night. Trees will be collected for composting from the following sites on Sunday January 7.

- Wyevale Garden Centre, Braintree, 10.30am to 3.30pm
- Butler Road car park, Halstead, 10am to 3pm
- Freshwell Health Centre, Finchingfield, 9.50am to 10.30am
- Church Fields, Great Yeldham, 10.50am to 11.30am
- The Street, opposite the church, Belchamp Otten, 11.50am to 12.30pm
- Vicar's Orchard, Bulmer, 12.50pm to 1.30pm
- Village Hall, Pebmarsh, 1.50pm to 2.30pm
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For those who would like to close the recycling loop by planting another tree the council also has some free Swedish Spruce saplings to give away. While stocks last residents can swap their old Christmas tree for a new baby one! Residents who live in a wheeled bin area can also put their trees in their green bin on a normal recycling day, making sure it is cut into small pieces.

For more press information or inquiries contact: Ros Aslam on 01376 551414 – just say the name.

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THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

A dedicated band of volunteers allowed more than 42,000 journeys to be made last year by people who otherwise would not get out.

Braintree Community Transport relies on the tireless volunteers to help those who cannot use conventional public transport.

To say thank you a special Christmas get together is being organised at which the drivers will also be able to have a look over the latest addition to the community transport minibus fleet, a brand new bus.

Community transport has trained more than 90 drivers and 127 groups are registered to hire the buses.

As well as the buses there are 30 volunteers using their own cars and individuals or non-profit-making groups with restricted mobility, a disability or who are rurally isolated can join the scheme.

Councillor Nigel Harley, cabinet member for transport, will be adding his thanks to the volunteers at the special event on Monday December 18 between 2 and 4pm at Causeway House in Bocking End.

“Community transport is invaluable to so many people across the district and none of it would be possible without our dedicated band of drivers. They all deserve our thanks.

“They provide a lifeline to many residents and build up real friendships with regular users, which is also important.”

For information on volunteering or becoming a member call 01376 327357.

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TRADE WASTE RECYCLING SURVEY

A recycling collection for trade waste could be introduced by Braintree District Council.

Research is being carried out to assess the demand for such a service and all businesses in the district are being asked to take part in a survey about waste and recycling.

The aim is to identify the types and quantities of waste produced and the current recycling habits of businesses.

They are also being asked if they would prefer a kerbside recycling service or a central site where the waste could be taken. There would be a charge for either system but the central site option would be cheaper.

The survey also asks whether or not businesses would take part in a six-month kerbside trial scheme if it was introduced by the council.

To encourage a good response all those who fill in the survey will be entered in a draw with prizes including an energy-saving eco-kettle up for grabs. The deadline is Friday December 1 and the survey can also be completed on-line at www.braintreesurvey.resourcefutures.co.uk

Councillor Michael Gage, cabinet member for the environment, said he hoped businesses would take the time to complete the survey to give an accurate assessment of the demand.

“Residents in the Braintree district have shown what can be achieved in recycling household waste. Now it could be the turn of businesses to follow that lead if it is shown they would sign up for a new collection service.”

For more press information or enquiries contact Peter Chisnall on 01376 551414 – just say the name.
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CORPORATE THEME HEADING: Improving performance and delivering better value for money

SUBJECT: Performance Management – Housing	CONTACT OFFICER: Mike Gosling														
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<p>INFORMATION: Purpose of the report: To inform Members on the results of the triennial tenants/users satisfaction survey carried out during the autumn of 2006 as required by Best Value Authorities.</p> <p>The survey sought responses to two national BVPIs as part of the Government's Best Value performance framework. In addition to the BVPIs questions the survey asked tenants a range of questions about their homes and the services they received.</p> <p>SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Findings throughout the research reveal that Braintree Council is providing a good service, which is improving. Over eight in ten tenants (83%) express satisfaction with the Council as their landlord (up by 3% on the previous survey) - ratings which are above average in comparison with other housing providers nation-wide. This is a direct reflection on the service's improving performance in frontline services such as repairs, keeping tenants informed and staff service. The survey sought responses to two compulsory Best Value performance indicators (BVPIs) as part of the Government's Best Value performance framework. Views on both the overall service and consultation have improved. See below: <table border="1" data-bbox="384 1498 1251 1744"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">BVPI Question</th> <th colspan="2">Satisfaction</th> <th rowspan="2">Diff</th> </tr> <tr> <th>2003</th> <th>2006</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Overall service provided</td> <td>80%</td> <td>83%</td> <td>+3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opportunities to take part in decision making</td> <td>57%</td> <td>61%</td> <td>+4%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Three-quarters (76%) of respondents feel their rent represents <i>good</i> value (up by 2%), which is well above the national average. Just one in ten thinks the rent it is poor value (8%). <p>Respondents were asked to register which three aspects of the service they considered needed to improve further;</p>		BVPI Question	Satisfaction		Diff	2003	2006	Overall service provided	80%	83%	+3%	Opportunities to take part in decision making	57%	61%	+4%
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- Quality of their homes 60%;
 - Repairs & maintenance 55% and
 - Keeping tenants informed 51%.
4. The repairs service is the most improved aspect of the service. Three-quarters are satisfied with the way the Council deals with repairs - higher than average ratings in an industry-wide context. Despite this, 11% express dissatisfaction, the most common reasons for dissatisfaction are *the time taken before work started* and *not being told when work would start*. The strongest elements of the service are the *attitude of workers and keeping dirt and mess to a minimum*.
 5. Amongst those who have contacted the council in the last twelve months, customers are generally happy with the service they receive. Around three quarters (74%) are satisfied with the outcome. The equivalent numbers (74%) feel that when they last contacted the Council staff were *easy to get hold of, helpful and able to deal with their query*.
 6. A very high proportion (90%) of tenants think their landlord is good at keeping them informed of issues that may affect them (up by 6%).
 7. The homes provided by the Council are generally meeting the needs of the majority of customers however, satisfaction rates have declined somewhat. Despite the decline over four in five tenants say that they are satisfied with their accommodation (84%) - better than average results. Three quarters say that their home is in *good condition* (77%) and eight in ten are happy with the number of rooms in their home (81%).
 8. Over eight in ten (83%) are satisfied with their area as a place to live. In contrast, 10% are dissatisfied. When ask indicate the most common problems in their locality:
 - *litter and rubbish in the street* is seen as a serious problem by 16% of respondents and a slight problem by 42%;
 - *vandalism* is seen as a serious problem by 11% of respondents and a slight problem by 44%;
 9. A key trend to emerge from the survey findings is the difference in satisfaction ratings between young people their older counterparts. Satisfaction levels increase in tandem with age, with elderly residents expressing higher levels of satisfaction with homes and *all* services. In contrast younger residents are less likely to be satisfied.

	Age 16-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-59	Age 60-74	Age 75 +
Overall satisfaction with landlord service	66%	73%	80%	88%	90%
Overall satisfaction with homes	66%	71%	83%	88%	94%

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Background

Methodology

A short questionnaire containing questions dealing with the most important indicators of levels of satisfaction was sent out to 2500 tenants in September. Market research company ORC were commissioned to carry out the survey and a total, 916 questionnaires were returned which represents a **response rate of 37%**. The overall data is accurate to +/- 3% at the 95% confidence interval.

Throughout the report the results are expressed in NET percentages, these are calculated, for example, by adding the percentage of responses for very satisfied and fairly satisfied and dividing by the total number of respondents minus those who did not answer the question or marked 'don't know' or 'no opinion'.

Overview Findings

An overview of the top-level indicators shows 4 from 6 have improved when compared to 2003 results. The most notable areas of improvement were in:

Opportunities to take part in decisions - up 5
Repairs and maintenance - up 5, and
The overall service provided - up 3.

This is a clear improvement from 2003 survey. When comparing the result with other council's nationally the satisfaction rates place Braintree in the above average quartile.

Aspects of the Service	Satisfactio n 2003	Satisfactio n 2006	Diff
Overall service provided	80%	83%	+3%
With accommodation	88%	84%	- 4%
With the neighbourhood as a place to live	88%	83%	-5%
The repairs service	73%	78%	+5%
Value for money	74%	76%	+2%
Opportunities to take part in decision making	57%	62%	+5%

A copy of the final report is published on the website & a hard copy has been deposited in the Members room.

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AREA: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: PLANNING

SUBJECT: Planning Appeals	CONTACT OFFICER: Linda Brown
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INFORMATION: To provide details of recently lodged planning appeals and appeal decisions.	

INFORMATION: APPEALS LODGED

Appellant: The Door (London) Ltd
Site: Boarded Barns, Great Saling Road, Bardfield Saling
Development: Alterations of redundant agricultural buildings into three residential units
Application No. 06/01433/LBC & 06/01432/FUL
Start Date 13th November 2006

Appellant: Manu Patel
Site: 20 Clockhouse Way, Land rear of 18-22 Clockhouse Way and rear of 180 Crossing Road, Braintree
Development: Replacement of 2 no. flats (20 Clockhouse Way) and erection of 7 no. new flats on land to rear
Application No. 06/00682/FUL
Start Date 15th November 2006

Appellant: Dr P Davis
Site: Land to rear of Memories, Crouch Green, Castle Hedingham
Development: Change of use of land for the temporary stationing of 2 no. portakabin buildings
Application No. 06/01373/COU
Start Date 20th November 2006

Appellant: Brian Beckwith and Lia Begum
Site: Land Adjoining 215 Lister Road, Braintree
Development: Erection of one dwelling
Application No. 06/01339/OUT
Start Date 20th November 2006

Appellant: Mrs H Harvey
Site: Stablehands Cottage, Curd Hall Farm, Cuthedge Lane, Coggeshall
Development: Conversion of former hunting lodge to residential accommodation
Application No. 06/01781/FUL & 06/01782/LBC

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Start Date 28th November 2006

INFORMATION: APPEAL DECISIONS

Appellant: A F & N M Nott
Site: Maplestead Hall, Church Road, Little Maplestead
Development: Erection of General Purpose Building
Application No. 05/00489/FUL
Decision and Date: ALLOWED – 20th November 2006

Appellant: A F & N M Nott
Site: Maplestead Hall, Church Road, Little Maplestead
Development: Erection of bulk fertilizer and machinery store
Application No. 05/00491/FUL
Decision and Date: ALLOWED – 20th November 2006

Appellant: A F & N M Nott
Site: Maplestead Hall, Church Road, Little Maplestead
Development: Erection of 12000 bird free range egg production unit No. 1
Application No. 05/00493/FUL
Decision and Date: ALLOWED – 20th November 2006

Appellant: A F & N M Nott
Site: Maplestead Hall, Church Road, Little Maplestead
Development: Erection of 12000bird free range egg production unit No. 2
Application No. 05/00495/FUL
Decision and Date: ALLOWED – 20th November 2006

Appellant: A F & N M Nott
Site: Maplestead Hall, Church Road, Little Maplestead
Development: Change of use of land for stationing of temporary mobile home in association with 2 no. proposed free range egg production units
Application No. 05/00497/COU
Decision and Date: DISMISSED – 20th November 2006

Appellant: Mr David Hill
Site: The Old School, Church Road, Bradwell
Development: Erection of triple garage (the fitting of a cupola/clock with weather vane onto the garage roof)
Application No. 06/00257/FUL
Decision and Date: DISMISSED – 22nd November 2006

Appellant: Smart Planning Ltd
Site: Land adjacent to 6 Warley Close, Braintree
Development: Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings
Application No. 05/02159/FUL
Decision and Date: DISMISSED – 30th November 2006

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AREA: CORPORATE

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND DELIVER BETTER VALUE

SUBJECT: Prejudicial Interests – meetings of other authorities	CONTACT OFFICER: P J Dempsey Monitoring Officer
TEL/EMAIL No.: Ext. 2620 patrick.dempsey@braintree.gov.uk	BACKGROUND PAPERS: The Code of Conduct for Members (Part 5 of the Constitution)
<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>There have recently been a number of enquiries submitted to the Standards Board for England about whether Members with a prejudicial interest can attend a meeting of another authority of which they are not a Member.</p> <p>A Court case makes it clear that attending a meeting of another authority is allowed under the Code of Conduct as long as it is in a purely private capacity. The Member would not be able to attend a meeting of another authority in an official capacity, for example, to represent the views of their own Council, as they would be required to declare the interest and withdraw from the room.</p> <p>For example, a Parish Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a planning application would be required to declare an interest and withdraw from the room during consideration of the matter by the Parish Council. However, they would be able to attend the District Council Planning Committee in a purely private capacity, but not act as a spokesperson for the Parish Council's views.</p> <p>My advice to any Member in this position is to make it completely clear for the record, that they are attending in a purely private capacity not as a Member of another authority.</p>	

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CORPORATE THEME HEADING:

SUBJECT: Radio Station for Councillors	CONTACT OFFICER:
TEL/EMAIL No.:	BACKGROUND PAPERS:
INFORMATION:	
<p>Are you and your members listening to Frontline Radio?</p> <p>It's the UK's only radio programme produced exclusively for councillors and people working in or interested in local government.</p> <p>Broadcast on Mondays from 8pm to 9pm and presented by Pascoe Sawyers, Director of the Leadership Academy, Frontline examines current issues, listens to what councillors have to say and invited experts to discuss trends and developments affecting local government. And if you miss it you can still hear recorded highlights or request a transcript via the IDeA's website.</p> <p>Next Monday's programme will feature Councillor Dave Winskill, a scrutiny chair from Haringey, Lewisham's Young Mayor, Siobhan Bell, and Suzanne Cumberbatch from the Municipal Journal.</p> <p>Earlier this year, Lewisham won Beacon status for its positive youth engagement and a major part of its bid was its Young Mayor programme. Siobhan Bell was elected by young people in the borough aged between 14 and 17 and given a £25,000 budget to spend on youth related projects. Her office employs two full-time staff and she will serve for a year, promoting the interests of young people locally, nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Previous programmes have featured community cohesion expert Ted Cattle, Paul Wheeler, Ben Page from MORI, Professor Jo Sylvester and councillors from Rotherham, Malvern Hills, Sevenoaks and South Tyneside. You can hear archive highlights now on the IDeA website.</p> <p>How do I tune in?</p> <p>You can listen to Frontline live on Sky Channel 0194 and online via www.colourfulradio.com/frontline</p>	

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AREA: Community Safety and Development

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: Helping Children Stay Safe

SUBJECT: Reality Roadshow	CONTACT OFFICER: Tony MacDonald
TEL/EMAIL No.: Ext 2356	BACKGROUND PAPERS: None
<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>2006 saw the fourth Reality Roadshow event take place throughout the Braintree District. Reality Roadshow is now established in the Secondary School timetable and is a full day off timetable for all year nine (13-14 years old) school children during October and November. The Roadshow visits the school for a day and passes on messages regarding behaviour and safety with colleagues from partner organisations.</p> <p>Each day started with a play performed by sixth form students from Rickstones college. They had been given a briefing from the set presenters regarding content and they then researched, wrote and rehearsed a short play depicting Anti Social Behaviour and its consequences. Following that the young people split into six groups and attended half hour workshops from the following:</p> <p>Braintree District Council – Anti Social Behaviour and the consequences Essex Police – Crimes and possible punishments Drugsline – Dangers of drugs Essex County Council – Road Safety Primary Care Trust – Nurses advising on the dangers of alcohol Essex Fire and Rescue – Arson and Hoax Calls</p> <p>The day ended with a repeat of the play followed by a scene showing what happened a year later. Each set presenter then reinforced their messages and the young people were given some leaflets which were used to discuss the various issues at later lessons. Evaluations have been completed to ascertain how well the messages were given to the children and any suggestions for next year's event.</p> <p>This year approximately 1,550 children attended from all eight secondary schools in the district.</p> <p>The project is coordinated here at BDC but the event's success is largely attributable to the excellent partnership between the agencies that participate. This event enables all partaking to complete a great deal of our education and prevention targets.</p>	

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AREA: CORPORATE

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND DELIVER BETTER VALUE

SUBJECT: Registering Land Interests under the Code of Conduct	CONTACT OFFICER: P J Dempsey Monitoring Officer
TEL/EMAIL No.: Ext. 2620 patrick.dempsey@braintree.gov.uk	BACKGROUND PAPERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paragraph 14(f) of the Code of Conduct for Members (Part 5 of the Constitution)• Paragraph 12(f) of the Parish Councils Code of Conduct
<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>Under the Code of Conduct, Members have to register a range of financial and other interests including any land in the area of the authority in which they have a beneficial interest. The address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of the land must be provided.</p> <p>When the information to be recorded relates to a house or flat, this does not present a difficulty in providing an address. However, the registration of other land interests such as farm land, or other land with no address, is not as easy. In these circumstances, Members should include enough information with the Notice so that all land holdings can be identified. This could be done by providing map grid references or by attaching a copy of a map identifying the land holding(s), which can then be included with the Member's Register of Interests. The requirements of the Code of Conduct are precise. If a person wishes to inspect the Register of Interests to establish whether a Member has a conflict of interest in a matter, they cannot do so if the information in the Register is vague or general. Therefore, failure to record information in enough detail can be a breach of the Code of Conduct.</p>	

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AREA: CORPORATE

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND DELIVER BETTER VALUE

<p>SUBJECT: Relationship between the Code of Conduct and the Licensing Act 2003</p>	<p>CONTACT OFFICER: P J Dempsey Monitoring Officer</p>
<p>TEL/EMAIL No.: Ext. 2620 patrick.dempsey@braintree.gov.uk</p>	<p>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Code of Conduct for Members (Part 5 of the Constitution) ▪ The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005
<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>The Standards Board for England has received a number of enquiries about how the provisions of the Code of Conduct impact on Members who may be involved in Licensing Committee activities. The Board has given the following guidance to address the most frequently asked questions.</p> <p><i>Are Councillors who want to attend local authority licensing hearings/meetings exempt from the effects of the Code of Conduct because of provisions in the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005?</i></p> <p>Paragraph 15 of the Hearing Regulations says that a party may attend the hearing and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified. However, this provision does not override the provisions of your local Code. The Code of Conduct prevents a Member with a prejudicial interest from attending any meeting of a Committee, Sub-Committee etc of the Council. The meaning of Committee is not defined further. There is no reason to believe that it excludes a Licensing Committee established under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Therefore, a Member with a prejudicial interest in a licensing application cannot attend the meeting where that application is being discussed. It follows that they cannot act as an effective representative of an applicant or any other interested party. They should ask another Councillor to take on this role.</p> <p><i>If a Member has a prejudicial interest is he or she nevertheless entitled to attend such a hearing/meeting in a personal capacity as opposed to a representative capacity?</i></p> <p>No. A Court of Appeal decision in 2004 is binding. All Members with a prejudicial interest are excluded from hearings or meetings of a Licensing Committee in whatever capacity they purport to be attending.</p> <p>There is no breach of any excluded Member's right to a fair trial under Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights. This is because they can still submit written representations, and the Committee has a wide discretion to conduct hearings to ensure that no unfairness arises on the facts of a given case.</p>	

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AREA: All

CORPORATE THEME HEADING:

SUBJECT: Overview and Scrutiny at Braintree	CONTACT OFFICER: Linda Morgan
TEL/EMAIL No.: 551414 Ext 2602	BACKGROUND PAPERS:
INFORMATION:	
<p>The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) is currently conducting its fourth Annual Survey. The 2006 survey introduces some new areas of enquiry as well as continuing with long-standing items to help develop trends over time.</p> <p>The survey can be completed online at www.cfps.org.uk/survey/ or I can send you a paper copy if you prefer. There is no limit to the number of responses from one organisation. The CfPS will collate the more subjective responses and record one set of factual responses on the authority's details, such as the number of overview and scrutiny committees, etc, which I will be providing. The CfPS are keen to receive honest and frank answers to the questions and at no point will it make individual authority or respondent's details available.</p> <p>The questionnaire is arranged under these 8 headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Questions 1 - 6 – Your Authority's details.Questions 7 - 13 – Committees, meetings and participationQuestions 15 – 17 – Support for ScrutinyQuestions 18 – 24 – Scrutiny OfficersQuestions 25 – 30 – Roles for overview and scrutiny and its MembersQuestions 31 – 35 – Impact and InfluenceQuestions 36 – 41 – PerceptionsQuestions 42 – 46 – Final thoughts <p>Here's an example of one of the more subjective questions being asked:</p> <p>Q42 What has been the most effective thing that overview and scrutiny has done in your authority over the past year?</p> <p>I would encourage all Members, whether they have a role in overview and scrutiny or not, to take a look at the CfPS website periodically to see examples of how the overview and scrutiny function has been used to add value at a variety of organisations.</p> <p>The deadline for responses is 31st December 2006</p>	

MEMBERS' FOCUS

AREA: All

CORPORATE THEME HEADING: **Help People to Feel Safe and Well**

SUBJECT: Active at Work, Healthy for Life (Staff Fitness Improvement Programme)	CONTACT OFFICER: Kryshia Fuller, Leisure Development Officer
TEL/EMAIL No.: 01376 551414 ext 2313 kryshia.fuller@braintree.gov.uk	BACKGROUND PAPERS: None
<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>The purpose of this briefing is to advise members of the outcome of the "Active at Work, Healthy for Life" that all staff at Braintree District Council were given the chance to take part in.</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>Braintree District Council were approached by the Fitness Industry Association (who were already working with Bramston Sports Centre) to find a large employer in the District to pilot a new programme with the aim of getting people in the workplace fitter and healthier.</p> <p>In return for free membership of Bramston Sports Centre, staff would be asked to complete two surveys about their progress on the programme (at 3 month and 6 month periods) following the start of the programme. The data would then be used by Sport England for research purposes and Bramston Sports Centre could then promote their corporate membership packages to any employers when the programme came to an end.</p> <p>THE PROGRAMME</p> <p>The programme (which was part funded by Sport England East) aimed to get our employees more active, more often by offering them free membership of Bramston Sports Centre (with the use of a Personal Trainer) for 12 weeks.</p> <p>30 places were made available on the Programme and it was offered to all staff employed by Braintree District Council. 18 staff took part in the programme which started in January 2006 and ran for 12 weeks. .</p> <p>Staff completed an evaluation in June (3 months after the programme had finished) and the results are attached. However the main findings are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% feel more productive at work• 50% feel less stressed at work• 50% eat more fruit & vegetables• 33% have joined a leisure centre• 88% do more exercise• 75% build regular exercise into their lifestyle	

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EVALUATION

The following evaluation was carried out 3 months after the programme had ended.

Do you currently feel you are more, less or equally as productive currently compared with before you took part in the programme ?

More	75%
Less	0%
Same	25%

Do you currently feel more, less or equally as energetic at work compared with before the programme?

More	62%
Less	0%
Same	38%

Do you currently feel more, less or equally as stressed at work compared with before the programme?

More	25%
Less	50%
Same	25%

Do you currently eat more, less or the same portions of fruit and vegetables compared with before the programme?

More 50%
Less 0%
Same 50%

Do you now exercise more, less or the same amount of days (for at least 30 minutes) compared with before the programme?

More 88%
Less 12%
Same 0%

Do you feel that you now lead a healthier lifestyle having taken part in this programme ?

Yes 75%
No 0%
Not sure/equally as healthy 25%

What lifestyle changes, if any, have you made since adopting this programme?

Increased physical activity 25%

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Reduced alcohol intake 12%
Reduced smoking 6%
Eating healthier 12%
Making time to relax and unwind 9%
None 6%
Other 30%

Which of the sentences below best describes the part that regular exercise plays in your current lifestyle?

I plan to build regular exercise into my lifestyle 25%
I have already built regular exercise into my lifestyle 75%
I don't plan to build regular exercise into my lifestyle 0%

What do you feel has been the biggest motivator for you throughout the programme ?

Instructors at the Bramston Sports Centre 19%
The free use of the Sports Centre 48%

TESTIMONIES

The following are testimonies from Staff at Braintree District Council.

"The instructors have been very enthusiastic and have helped to motivate and guide me in getting the most out of my busy work, family and leisure life".

"The programme has made me focus on the fitness, and has motivated me to increase physical exercise and keep a keener eye on my diet".

"Fabulous opportunity which gave me the motivation to get fit and lose weight, I feel a million times better for it. Thank you"

"Positive start to a fitter healthier lifestyle"

"It has given me the chance to have one to one session with an instructor that has been invaluable".

"I really enjoyed it. I had appointments with a fitness instructor about 7am every Tuesday. I felt great afterwards and am glad I volunteered".

"...Thank you so much for organising it. I have now lost a stone in weight and feel so much better all round. I now go to the gym several times a week and am much more careful about what I eat and drink, having not previously exercised at all for years. It was a great motivation for me. Thank you".

THE FUTURE

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All staff have the opportunity to join the Healthwatch Scheme (discounted staff leisure scheme), where they can use the Council's gyms and swimming pools as often as they like for £14.25 per month. For a monthly payment of £18.50 in addition to using the gyms and pools staff can also attend as many group fitness classes as they would like.

The scheme will continue to be promoted to all staff.

AREA: All

CORPORATE THEME HEADING:

SUBJECT: Council Tax Base 2007/08	CONTACT OFFICER: Phil Myers Accountancy Services Manager
TEL/EMAIL No.: 01376 557810 Phil.myers@braintree.gov.uk	BACKGROUND PAPERS: Parish/ District tax base reports from the IBS revenues system
INFORMATION:	
<p>Under delegated powers, the Finance Director has determined the council tax base to be used in the calculation of next year's council tax rate and local precepts. The tax base is calculated for the whole district and for each parish/town council area and must be carried out in accordance with Regulations.</p> <p>For 2007/08 the figure calculated is 51,995 Band D equivalents, which represents an increase from that used in the current year of 1.58%. The change has come about from an overall increase in the number of dwellings within the district. There is also an increase that reflects an assessment of improved local tax recovery with a collection rate of 99.5% being assumed compared to the previous rate of 99%. This latter change benefits all parish/ town council areas.</p> <p>Schedule A shows the make-up of the district tax base, and Schedule B provides the details for each parish area.</p> <p>In making the calculation there has been no proposed change in the level of discount set locally for second home and long-term empty properties, which remain at 10% and nil percent respectively.</p>	

COUNCIL TAX BASE 2007/08

SCHEDULE A

	TOTAL NO. OF DWELLINGS	EXEMPT DWELLINGS	DISABLED RELIEF ADJ.		SUB-TOTAL	NO. OF DISCOUNTS				EFFECTIVE DISCOUNTS	EQUIV. NO. OF DWELLINGS	RELEVANT AMOUNT	TAX BASE @ 99.5% COLL. RATE
			-	+		Nil Discount	10% Discount	25% Discount	50% Discount				
AR	-	0	-	11	11	0	0	4	0	1	10	6	6
A	5556	376	11	61	5230	233	47	3232	6	816	4414	2943	2928
B	15239	455	61	101	14824	182	55	6065	8	1526	13298	10343	10291
C	17933	315	101	63	17580	152	57	5210	11	1314	16266	14460	14388
D	8541	135	63	54	8397	68	43	1939	9	494	7903	7903	7864
E	6664	87	54	40	6563	43	37	1046	13	272	6291	7690	7652
F	3822	47	40	19	3754	30	23	477	14	129	3625	5237	5211
G	2086	22	19	11	2056	19	15	224	19	67	1989	3315	3298
H	202	4	11		187	6	3	16	6	7	180	359	358
TOTAL	60043	1441	360	360	58602	733	280	18213	86	4624	53978	52256	51995
												<i>Add Contributions in Lieu</i>	-
												TAXBASE	51995

Notes

Effective discounts equals the number of discounts multiplied by the appropriate percentage ie 10%, 25% or 50%

Relevant Amount is the number of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band after allowing for discounts and exemptions, expressed in terms of band D equivalents.

Totals rounded

COUNCIL TAX BASE BY PARISH/AREA 2007/08

SCHEDULE B

PARISH/AREA		PROPERTY BAND									TOTAL	TAX BASE @ 99.5% COLL. RATE	Change
		AR	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
BRAINTREE	DWELLINGS	0	2229	4522	6019	2391	1394	710	174	13	17452		
	TAX BASE	1.80	1173.23	3041.89	4858.22	2210.66	1611.60	975.20	275.20	16.00	14163.80	14092.98	2.55%
HALSTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	900	1773	1530	532	315	94	19	2	5165		
	TAX BASE	0.60	483.60	1217.40	1246.45	491.63	354.10	127.50	25.80	2.00	3949.08	3929.33	1.09%
GREAT NOTLEY	DWELLINGS	0	9	159	478	413	591	486	179	0	2315		
	TAX BASE	0.00	4.80	103.50	368.80	383.40	698.40	675.50	285.80	0.00	2520.20	2507.60	0.58%
ALPHAMSTONE	DWELLINGS	0	2	9	10	17	18	16	13	4	89		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.70	5.80	8.20	15.60	21.90	21.50	23.30	6.00	104.00	103.48	2.58%
ASHEN	DWELLINGS	0	6	5	46	30	25	15	16	1	144		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.70	3.30	37.80	28.00	30.20	20.20	22.90	2.00	146.10	145.37	1.27%
BELCHAMP OTTEN	DWELLINGS	0	0	4	22	17	13	9	4	2	71		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.00	2.80	18.60	15.50	15.30	13.00	6.50	4.00	75.70	75.32	1.30%
BELCHAMP ST PAUL	DWELLINGS	0	3	18	53	37	20	17	13	2	163		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.00	12.40	41.80	35.40	23.80	23.50	21.61	3.50	164.01	163.19	3.22%
BELCHAMP WALTER	DWELLINGS	0	5	21	17	7	21	12	11	3	97		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.70	14.80	14.20	6.90	24.30	16.60	18.20	6.00	103.70	103.18	0.21%
BIRDBROOK	DWELLINGS	0	11	47	31	15	14	23	10	5	156		
	TAX BASE	0.00	5.80	33.20	25.50	13.50	16.20	32.50	16.70	9.50	152.90	152.14	1.91%

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		AR	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
BORLEY	DWELLINGS	0	1	6	5	8	8	13	8	0	49		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.50	4.30	3.70	8.00	7.90	17.30	13.20	0.00	54.90	54.63	3.13%
BULMER	DWELLINGS	0	12	47	62	56	39	23	22	5	266		
	TAX BASE	0.00	6.30	33.00	48.40	49.20	45.50	31.40	35.80	10.00	259.60	258.30	2.08%
BURES HAMLET	DWELLINGS	0	11	40	42	121	71	34	13	3	335		
	TAX BASE	0.00	5.80	27.00	34.20	108.50	79.50	48.00	21.20	6.00	330.20	328.55	1.05%
CASTLE HEDINGHAM	DWELLINGS	0	37	79	197	71	71	45	37	3	540		
	TAX BASE	0.40	19.30	51.40	156.40	63.80	80.40	58.10	56.90	6.00	492.70	490.24	1.31%
COLNE ENGAINE	DWELLINGS	0	1	11	146	105	47	38	34	8	390		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.70	8.00	122.90	98.10	53.50	52.00	53.30	16.00	404.50	402.48	0.91%
EARLS COLNE	DWELLINGS	0	187	458	438	184	185	94	47	1	1594		
	TAX BASE	0.00	99.30	308.30	355.40	164.30	209.70	130.50	71.70	2.00	1341.20	1334.49	1.41%
FOXEARH	DWELLINGS	0	3	24	23	28	15	14	11	3	121		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.80	15.90	19.80	25.80	16.50	20.20	16.70	5.80	122.50	121.89	0.67%
GESTINGTHORPE	DWELLINGS	0	7	26	38	28	29	24	15	4	171		
	TAX BASE	0.00	3.20	17.70	30.20	25.80	34.70	33.00	24.90	8.00	177.50	176.61	1.45%

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GOSFIELD	DWELLINGS	0	80	77	152	154	105	41	18	0	627		
	TAX BASE	0.60	44.60	50.00	121.80	141.40	121.60	53.70	27.10	0.00	560.80	558.00	0.63%
GREENSTEAD GREEN	DWELLINGS	0	5	26	83	40	39	24	37	11	265		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.70	18.50	66.80	37.50	45.40	33.60	59.60	20.00	284.10	282.68	3.75%
HELIONS BUMPSTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	9	30	26	28	36	23	20	1	173		
	TAX BASE	0.00	6.30	19.80	20.40	27.60	42.20	31.10	32.90	2.00	182.30	181.39	1.37%
GREAT HENNY	DWELLINGS	0	3	2	11	7	14	9	13	1	60		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.00	1.50	8.60	6.80	16.20	13.00	19.01	0.00	67.11	66.77	1.41%
LITTLE HENNY	DWELLINGS	0	0	1	3	3	2	0	4	0	13		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.00	0.80	1.60	3.00	2.30	0.00	6.70	0.00	14.40	14.33	0.49%
LAMARSH	DWELLINGS	0	1	7	5	9	20	25	12	1	80		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.70	4.50	4.20	9.00	23.70	35.00	19.20	2.00	98.30	97.81	1.96%
LISTON	DWELLINGS	0	2	3	8	3	2	4	5	0	27		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.70	2.10	6.00	3.00	2.40	5.40	7.90	0.00	27.50	27.36	1.60%
GREAT MAPLESTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	4	12	29	23	31	20	20	5	144		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.50	8.00	23.60	22.30	35.60	27.80	32.90	9.00	161.70	160.89	1.20%

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LITTLE MAPLESTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	12	6	20	20	23	18	9	2	110		
	TAX BASE	0.00	5.70	4.10	17.30	18.70	25.70	26.00	15.00	4.00	116.50	115.92	-2.91%
MIDDELTON	DWELLINGS	0	0	4	10	9	17	15	4	1	60		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.00	2.00	8.00	7.40	21.40	19.00	6.50	2.00	66.30	65.97	-0.27%
OVINGTON	DWELLINGS	0	2	7	1	5	3	2	5	1	26		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.00	5.20	0.90	4.80	3.40	2.90	7.90	2.00	28.10	27.96	1.60%
PEBMARSH	DWELLINGS	0	6	22	49	46	39	31	18	4	215		
	TAX BASE	0.00	3.70	15.40	38.80	43.50	44.80	41.50	27.80	8.00	223.50	222.38	-0.12%
PENTLOW	DWELLINGS	0	3	10	6	14	32	18	11	1	95		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.80	6.60	3.80	12.70	37.60	26.70	15.70	1.80	106.70	106.17	-1.39%
RIDGEWELL	DWELLINGS	0	15	40	46	38	40	34	9	0	222		
	TAX BASE	0.00	7.20	29.00	38.20	34.00	44.70	46.20	12.90	0.00	212.20	211.14	0.55%
SIBLE HEDINGHAM	DWELLINGS	0	235	419	488	168	219	100	40	4	1673		
	TAX BASE	0.60	125.80	285.10	396.15	155.24	255.00	135.40	63.70	7.80	1424.79	1417.67	0.97%
STAMBOURNE	DWELLINGS	0	1	28	37	39	37	10	18	1	171		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.50	20.20	30.40	36.60	42.50	12.30	29.60	2.00	174.10	173.23	1.26%

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STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	31	77	118	262	82	60	26	2	658		
	TAX BASE	0.00	16.86	54.10	92.90	246.00	98.00	84.10	37.10	2.00	631.06	627.90	1.97%
STURMER	DWELLINGS	0	2	12	45	44	61	19	9	2	194		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.30	7.80	37.02	40.20	74.17	25.60	14.91	4.00	205.00	203.98	0.26%
TILBURY JUXTA CLARE	DWELLINGS	0	1	11	13	15	15	7	2	1	65		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.50	8.20	10.40	15.30	17.10	9.40	3.30	2.00	66.20	65.87	1.12%
TOPPESFIELD	DWELLINGS	0	15	28	71	32	29	29	15	4	223		
	TAX BASE	0.00	7.60	19.40	55.60	30.50	32.30	41.00	24.40	8.00	218.80	217.71	1.39%
TWINSTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	0	5	13	13	12	11	13	2	69		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.70	2.70	10.70	12.30	12.20	15.40	21.20	4.00	79.20	78.80	-1.36%
WHITE COLNE	DWELLINGS	0	5	16	60	29	30	25	25	3	193		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.50	12.40	47.10	27.30	33.90	35.00	40.80	4.00	203.00	201.99	3.41%
WICKHAM ST PAUL	DWELLINGS	0	5	14	17	51	28	16	7	1	139		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.70	9.10	14.90	46.50	33.10	20.60	11.20	2.00	139.10	138.40	1.60%
GREAT YELDHAM	DWELLINGS	0	47	216	222	118	67	30	15	5	720		
	TAX BASE	0.00	25.10	146.00	183.70	109.20	81.00	40.10	24.60	9.50	619.20	616.10	0.05%

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LITTLE YELDHAM	DWELLINGS	0	1	13	27	22	27	27	11	1	129		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.50	8.70	22.00	21.80	30.20	37.90	16.70	1.50	139.30	138.60	1.89%
GREAT BARDFIELD	DWELLINGS	0	16	66	98	136	105	53	58	5	537		
	TAX BASE	0.00	9.20	44.20	75.60	122.30	116.60	71.40	93.30	9.00	541.60	538.89	-0.27%
BRADWELL	DWELLINGS	0	11	26	76	32	19	26	30	2	222		
	TAX BASE	0.00	5.50	18.40	60.40	29.88	21.97	33.80	46.70	4.00	220.65	219.55	0.44%
COGGESHALL	DWELLINGS	0	138	414	691	322	217	133	132	10	2057		
	TAX BASE	0.40	77.00	267.00	552.20	295.10	253.40	182.60	214.00	16.00	1857.70	1848.41	1.88%
CRESSING	DWELLINGS	0	54	115	309	93	86	32	32	4	725		
	TAX BASE	0.00	26.00	79.20	250.20	86.50	95.60	45.10	50.80	8.00	641.40	638.19	-0.16%
FAIRSTEAD	DWELLINGS	0	1	5	21	6	13	17	15	2	80		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.00	5.10	16.40	6.00	15.00	24.20	25.00	4.00	95.70	95.22	2.76%
FAULKBOURNE	DWELLINGS	0	0	1	6	11	5	4	9	2	38		
	TAX BASE	0.00	0.00	0.80	5.10	10.30	5.50	5.80	13.70	4.00	45.20	44.97	0.27%
FEERING	DWELLINGS	0	6	54	321	114	175	83	47	5	805		
	TAX BASE	0.00	3.30	34.60	257.30	104.50	204.20	115.30	75.40	7.50	802.10	798.09	1.48%

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		AR	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
FINCHINGFIELD	DWELLINGS	0	75	108	115	112	100	73	77	11	671		
	TAX BASE	0.00	43.00	78.20	93.30	104.20	108.60	99.20	121.20	22.00	669.70	666.35	0.66%
HATFIELD PEVEREL	DWELLINGS	0	85	174	469	334	363	226	176	9	1836		
	TAX BASE	0.00	47.00	113.40	373.22	304.80	413.00	308.00	284.20	17.00	1860.62	1851.32	0.67%
KELVEDON	DWELLINGS	0	121	292	418	120	346	85	67	9	1458		
	TAX BASE	0.60	65.86	197.70	334.00	110.30	407.40	112.70	109.60	15.50	1353.66	1346.89	0.98%
BLACK NOTLEY	DWELLINGS	0	41	77	186	268	158	116	48	3	897		
	TAX BASE	0.00	21.50	50.10	152.90	251.30	183.60	160.30	77.10	3.50	900.30	895.80	0.80%
WHITE NOTLEY	DWELLINGS	0	5	26	82	43	25	21	18	0	220		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.50	17.30	64.70	40.00	29.00	30.00	27.10	0.00	210.60	209.55	0.32%
PANFIELD	DWELLINGS	0	5	27	126	108	66	26	10	1	369		
	TAX BASE	0.00	3.30	17.30	104.70	101.00	77.20	35.00	15.80	2.00	356.30	354.52	2.96%
RAYNE	DWELLINGS	0	19	33	378	157	146	67	23	2	825		
	TAX BASE	0.00	9.50	22.40	316.20	143.50	166.50	92.40	37.50	3.50	791.50	787.54	0.95%
BARDFIELD SALING	DWELLINGS	0	2	0	10	12	13	11	25	4	77		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.20	0.00	8.00	11.00	14.20	14.80	40.00	7.50	96.70	96.22	1.46%

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PARISH/AREA		PROPERTY BAND									TOTAL	TAX BASE @ 99.5% COLL. RATE	Change
		AR	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
GREAT SALING	DWELLINGS	0	28	18	28	25	12	15	15	3	144		
	TAX BASE	0.00	14.30	9.90	22.20	23.00	12.77	20.90	23.70	5.50	132.27	131.61	3.86%
SHALFORD	DWELLINGS	0	16	27	93	57	53	44	31	2	323		
	TAX BASE	0.00	8.80	18.50	74.00	55.80	59.50	61.70	50.70	4.00	333.00	331.34	1.51%
STISTED	DWELLINGS	0	11	17	86	36	36	29	39	3	257		
	TAX BASE	0.00	5.30	11.10	70.00	34.50	39.10	40.40	60.70	5.00	266.10	264.77	1.77%
TERLING	DWELLINGS	0	3	25	72	66	32	59	49	3	309		
	TAX BASE	0.00	1.80	15.90	54.40	58.70	35.10	76.90	77.10	6.00	325.90	324.27	-1.16%
WETHERSFIELD	DWELLINGS	0	30	76	131	118	81	55	45	3	539		
	TAX BASE	0.00	14.00	52.00	105.30	111.20	97.80	73.90	71.20	6.00	531.40	528.74	1.23%
WITHAM	DWELLINGS	0	918	4647	2857	961	640	331	128	2	10484		
	TAX BASE	0.00	478.40	3176.80	2285.75	896.30	733.97	451.90	199.20	3.00	8225.32	8184.19	1.91%
RIVENHALL	DWELLINGS	0	5	90	77	33	52	31	15	3	306		
	TAX BASE	0.00	2.50	60.70	61.80	30.50	61.10	40.80	24.60	6.00	288.00	286.56	1.53%
SILVER END	DWELLINGS	0	57	586	566	125	35	20	5	1	1395		
	TAX BASE	0.60	28.80	410.20	470.40	116.30	38.80	25.30	8.30	0.00	1098.70	1093.21	0.72%
TOTAL	DWELLINGS	0	5556	15239	17933	8541	6664	3822	2086	202	60043		
	TAX BASE	5.60	2943.15	10342.69	14459.51	7903.71	7689.88	5237.10	3315.23	359.40	52256.27	51995.00	1.58%