

CABINET

AGENDA



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Date: Monday 27th November 2006

Time: 7.15pm **Venue:** Council Chamber, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree

Membership:

Cabinet Members

Councillor G Butland - Leader of the Council

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

Lead Members

Councillor Mrs J C Beavis - Customer Services

Councillor Lady Newton - Health and Children and Young People

Councillor T S Wilkinson - Management of Change

Group Leaders are invited to attend the meeting to speak but cannot vote.

Public Question Time

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Agenda - 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 25th September 2006. (Copy previously circulated)

4. **Public Question Time.** (See paragraph on front sheet).

5. *Improve Performance and Deliver Better Value*

To be taken by Page

(a) Strong and Prosperous Communities White Paper. To consider key issues arising from the Government White Paper.

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(b) Peer Review Outcomes

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(c) Priorities and Budget 2007/08 – Executive Summary attached and supporting papers to follow.

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(d) Quarterly Performance Report for July to September 2006.

Cllr. Walters To follow

(e) Strategic Risk Management.

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6. *Help People to Feel Safe and Well*

(a) Community Safety Recommendations from Public Safety Policy Development Group

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(b) Invest to Save Round 9 – Smart Arts.

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7. *Create a Better Place to Live, Work and Play*

(a) Braintree District Future to 2025 – Consultation – copy enclosed for all Councillors – please retain for the Council meeting on 11th December 2006.

Cllr. Butland Enclosed

8. **Delegated Decisions.** To receive details of any delegated decisions. (a) To note that the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Healthy Living has approved the final Code of Practice for Black and Minority, Ethnic, Voluntary and Community Groups on behalf of the Council.

9. **Reports from Cabinet Members** on issues/activities that need to be brought to the Cabinet's attention (public session).

10. **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.

11. 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.

Agenda - Private Session

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| (a) | **Premature Retirements | Cllr. Lager | Page 48 |
| 13 | **Recommendation from Braintree Area Committee – 14th November 2006.
Asset Management Issue in Finchingfield. Extract of draft minutes attached at page 53.
<i>[A copy of the Braintree Area Committee Report is enclosed for Members of Cabinet]</i> | | |
| 14. | 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 or e-mail davtr@braintree.gov.uk

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