

CABINET

AGENDA



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Date: Monday 4th February 2008

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

Membership:

Cabinet Portfolio

Leader
Deputy Leader/Enterprise and Infrastructure
Environment and Sustainability
Public Protection and Healthy Living
Resources and Performance
Community Support and Engagement

Councillor

Graham Butland
Nigel Harley
Roger Walters
Wendy Schmitt
Michael Lager
Joanne Beavis

Invitees:

Deputy Cabinet Portfolio

Leader's portfolio
Enterprise and Infrastructure
Environment and Sustainability
Public Protection and Healthy Living
Resources and Performance
Community Support and Engagement

Councillor

Nigel McCrea
Tim Wilkinson
Robert Mitchell
Bill Rose
John McKee
Liz Edey

The Group Leaders, Local Committee Chairmen and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are also invited.

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. During this period, Councillors who have declared a personal and prejudicial interest in any item of business on the agenda may also speak as permitted by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. Whilst members of the public can remain to observe the whole of the public part of the meeting, Councillors with a personal and prejudicial interest must withdraw whilst the item of business in question is being considered. Members of the public wishing to speak should contact the Democratic Services Officer on (01376) 552525 or email eileen.self@braintree.gov.uk prior to the meeting.

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Key Decisions

Any five Members of the Council may refer any key decision made on this agenda to the Scrutiny Panel for 'call in'. This must be undertaken within 6 working days of publication of the minutes. Any key decisions made and not 'called in' by this date and time will become effective. Key decisions are identified by the prefix **

Agenda - Public Session

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interests.

- (a) To declare the existence and nature of 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.
- (b) Any member with a 'personal and prejudicial' interest to indicate whether he/she intends to make representations in accordance with paragraph 12 (2) of the Code of Conduct as part of Question Time. [*Note: A member with a personal and prejudicial interest must withdraw from the room or chamber whilst the item of business the subject of such prejudicial interest is being considered*]

3. Minutes. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3rd December 2007. (Copy previously circulated)

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

5. **Improve Performance and Deliver Better Value**

	To be taken by	Report
(a) Corporate Strategy 2008-2012	Cllr Butland	Page 1
(b) Medium Term Financial Strategy 2008/09-2011/12	Cllr Lager	To follow
(c) Council Budget & Council Tax 2008/09 (Please retain report for Council on 18 th February 2008)	Cllr Lager	To follow
(d) Strategic Risk Management	Cllr Lager	Page 13
(e) Use of Resources – Key Lines of Enquiry 2006/07	Cllr Lager	Page 38
(f) Licensing Enforcement Study – Recommendation from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee of 23 rd January 2008	Cllr M Gage	To follow
(g) Housing Transfer Programme Board. To receive and note the minutes of 4 th December 2007 (copy attached) and 28 th January 2008 (copy to follow)	Cllr Butland	Page 53

		To be taken By	Report
(h)	Local Government Reform Cabinet Sub Group.		
	(i) To receive and note the minutes of 5 th December 2007 (copy attached – recommendation at Minute 21)	Cllr Butland	Page 56
	(ii) To receive and note the minutes of 30 th January 2008	Cllr Butland	To follow
(i)	Performance & Efficiency Programme Board. To receive and note the minutes of 13 th December 2007 (copy attached – recommendation at Minute 6)	Cllr Butland	Page 60
6.	<i>Create a Better Place to Live, Work and Play</i>		
(a)	Joint Governance Arrangements – Great Notley Country Park	Cllr Butland	Page 65
(b)	The Essex Local Area Agreement - Initial Comment	Cllr Butland	To follow
(c)	Braintree Pools Sub Group. To receive and note the minutes of 25 th January 2008.	Cllr Butland	To follow
7.	Delegated Decisions. To note the following recent delegated decision:-		
	(i) The decision by Councillor Harley to approve the Council's response, to the consultation by Uttlesford District Council, on their Core Strategy Preferred Options Local Development Document – attached at Page 69.		
8.	Appointment of Representative to Serve on Outside Organisation. To re-affirm the appointment of Councillor Mrs Sandbrook as the Council representative to serve on the Braintree College Governing Body up to 22 nd July 2011.		
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

- 12. **Reports from Cabinet Members** on issues/activities that need to be brought to the Cabinet's attention (private session).
- 13. **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 Eileen Self on 551414 ext 2612 or e-mail eileen.self@braintree.gov.uk

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Meeting Attended

Date of Meeting

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