

COUNCIL

AGENDA



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Date: Monday 19th February 2007

Time: 7.15 pm

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

Membership:

Councillor J E Abbott	Councillor D M Finch	Councillor A F Millam
Councillor M J Banthorpe	Councillor Ms L B Flint	Councillor R G S Mitchell
Councillor P R Barlow	Councillor T J W Foster	Councillor Lady Newton
Councillor Mrs J C Beavis	Councillor Mrs B A Gage	Councillor Mrs J A Pell
Councillor K E Bigden	Councillor M G Gage	Councillor J W Pilgrim
Councillor E Bishop	Councillor Mrs M E Galione	Councillor Mrs J B Reekie
Councillor S J Bolter	Councillor B J Gaught	Councillor D M Reid
Councillor R J Bolton	Councillor M J Green	Councillor D E A Rice
Councillor K D Boylan	Councillor J E B Gyford	Councillor Mrs W D Scattergood
Councillor B T Broyd	Councillor N R H O Harley	Councillor Mrs J W Schmitt
Councillor G Butland	Councillor R M Haslam	Councillor A F Shelton
Councillor Mrs H W Catley	Councillor P A Heath	Councillor Mrs G A Spray
Councillor R Cavinder	Councillor P J Hughes	Councillor Mrs K E Tearle
Councillor J C Collar	Councillor A G W Jenner	Councillor Miss M Thorogood
Councillor C F Coughlan	Councillor M C M Lager	Councillor R A G Tincknell
Councillor N D C Edey	Councillor E R Lynch	Councillor P J R Turner
Councillor W P Edwards	Councillor M Lynch	Councillor S M Walsh
Councillor Dr R L Evans	Councillor D Mann	Councillor R G Walters
Councillor A V E Everard	Councillor Ms J S M Martin	Councillor Ms L R Watson
Councillor J H G Finbow	Councillor N G McCrea	Councillor T S Wilkinson

PUBLIC 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 or ask questions of Members of the Cabinet. People wishing to speak should contact the Council's Democratic Services Section on extension 2610 or e-mail david.triggs@braintree.gov.uk by midday two working days before the meeting.

The Council's "Question Time" leaflet explains the procedure and copies of this may be obtained at the Council's offices at Braintree, Witham and Halstead.

Members of the Council are requested to attend the above meeting, to transact the following business: -

PUBLIC SESSION

1. **Declarations of Interest.** To declare any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 5 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.
2. **Minutes.** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th December 2006. (Copy previously circulated).
3. **Public Question Time.** (See above paragraph).
4. **To receive any announcements/statements from the Chairman.**
5. **Policy Recommendations and References.**
 - (1) Environment Policy Development Group. To consider a recommendation from the PDG concerning the Sustainability Vision Statement. (Statement enclosed at page 1). Council is requested to debate the Vision Statement and in accordance with the PDG protocol to refer the matter to Cabinet on 26th March. Cabinet is required to formally respond within 3 months.
 - (2) To consider any other policy recommendations which have arisen within the last meetings' cycle. (Paper attached – page 3).
6. **Council Budget, Council Tax and Rents 2007/08**
 - (1) To consider passing the appropriate resolution (Report from the Finance Director attached at page 9). If there are any further changes in our precepting bodies' demands an amended resolution will be circulated at the meeting.
 - (2) To approve the recommendations from Cabinet including that which refers to the Council Budgets and setting of the Housing and Garage Rents for 2007/08. *Please can all Members bring the Cabinet papers relating to the budget to the meeting.*
7. To consider the following **Notice of Motion** under Rule 11 of Part 4 of the Constitution of which the appropriate notice has been given to the Chief Executive. Please note under Rule 11.3(b) if signed by at least six Members of the Council the Motion shall be dealt with at the meeting:

Motion proposed by Councillor Harley, seconded by Councillor Butland and signed by Councillors Mrs Beavis, M Gage, Lager, Mrs Scattergood, Mrs Schmitt, Walters and Wilkinson.

"This Council re-affirms its opposition to the construction of a second runway at Stansted".
8. **Statements by Members.**
 - (i) To receive and give responses to statements by Members of which the appropriate written notice has been given to the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4(a) - *There are none.*
 - (ii) To receive and give responses to oral statements by Members without notice. *[Please note that the time set aside for item 8 shall not exceed 30 minutes]*

9. Question Time

- (i) **Leader's Statement** or statement by Cabinet Members on a key issue.
- (ii) **Oral questions** without notice to the Leader on any non-operational matter in which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district or its inhabitants. (Procedure rules 10.2 and 10.8 apply) [*The Leader may respond directly, request another Cabinet Member to respond, provide a written response after the meeting or, if the question relates to an operational matter, request that the appropriate officer deals with the issue outside the Council meeting*]

[Please note that the time set aside for item 9(ii) shall not exceed 30 minutes]

- (iii) **Chairmen's Statements.** To receive statements from those Chairmen who have given prior notification in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.7 and to respond to questions on such statements. None have been received.
- (iv) To receive and raise any matters arising from the **minutes of meetings in public session** published since the Council Meeting on 11th December 2006. (Paper attached – page 17).

10. To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on the **business of external organisations** (if any).

11 **Timetable of Council Meetings 2007/08.** Members are requested to approve the timetable of Council meetings for the next Civic Year as follows:-
Mondays at 7.15 starting with the Annual General Meeting on 21st May 2007 and ordinary meetings of the Council on 18th June, 30th July, 17th September, 5th November and 17th December 2007 and 18th February and 14th April 2008.

(Please note the full timetable is available on the Council's web site www.braintree.gov.uk under *Council and Democracy*)

Exclusion of Public and Press: - To give consideration to adopting the following Resolution: -

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

PRIVATE SESSION

12. Statements by Members – Private Session

- (i) To receive and give responses to statements by Members which contain confidential or exempt information of which the appropriate written notice has been given to the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4(a) - *There are none.*
- (ii) To receive and give responses to oral statements by Members without notice which contain confidential or exempt information.

Please note that the time set aside for item 12 shall not exceed 30 minutes.

13. **Question Time - Private Session**

- (i) **Leader's Statement** or statement by Cabinet Members containing exempt information on a key issue.
- (ii) **Oral questions** without notice to the Leader on any non-operational matter in which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district or its inhabitants and which contain exempt information. (Procedure rules 10.2 and 10.8 apply) [*The Leader may respond directly, request another Cabinet Member to respond, provide a written response after the meeting or, if the question relates to an operational matter, request that the appropriate officer deals with the issue outside the Council meeting*]

Please note that the time set aside for item 13(ii) shall not exceed 30 minutes.

- (iii) **Chairmen's Statements.** To receive statements containing exempt information from the following Chairmen who have given prior notification in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.7 and to respond to questions on such statements - *There are none.*
- (iv) To receive and raise any matters arising from the **minutes of meetings in private session** published since the Council Meeting on 11th December 2006 – *There are none.*

14. **Private Session Policy Recommendations.** To consider any policy recommendations (in private session) which have arisen within the last meetings' cycle – *There are none.*

If you are unable to attend the meeting please forward your apologies for absence to David Triggs, Extension 2610. The last page of this agenda is numbered page 17.

A J REID

Chief Executive

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Meeting Attended

Date of Meeting

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