

# CABINET

## AGENDA



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**Date:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**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**

People wishing to speak at this meeting should contact the Council's Democratic Services Section on extension 2613 or e-mail [melre@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:melre@braintree.gov.uk). The Council's "Question Time" rules can be found on the Council's website and a leaflet explaining the procedure may be obtained at the Council's offices at Braintree, Witham and Halstead. The Chairman of the meeting will call you to speak after the minutes are approved.

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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.** 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006. (Copy previously circulated)

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

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

	<b>To be taken by</b>	<b>Report</b>
(a) Implications of Ballot Decision including a recommendation from the Housing Transfer Programme Board at its meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2007.	Cllr Butland	Page 1
(b) Council Budget, Council Tax & Rents 2007/08 <i>[Please retain report for Council on 19<sup>th</sup> February 07]</i>	Cllr Lager	Enclosed
(c) Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) project	Cllr. Harley	Page 9
(d) Framework for Partnership Working	Cllr. Butland	Page 16
(e) Conduct and Use of Enforcement Powers Across the Council's Services. - Recommendation from the Scrutiny Panel.	Cllr.Schmitt	Already sent.
(f) To receive and note the minutes of the Local Government Reform Cabinet Sub Group.	Cllr. Butland	Already Sent.

### 6. ***Help People to Feel Safe and Well***

(a) **Review of Partnership Agreement with the new Mid Essex Primary Care Trust	Cllr. Butland	Page 47
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### 7. ***Create a Better Place to Live, Work and Play***

(a) Proposed Changes to the East of England Plan	Cllr. Scattergood	Page 49
(b) Braintree Swimming Centre	Cllr. Schmitt	Page 55

### 8. ***Create a Cleaner and Greener District***

(a) Climate Change Position Statement	Cllr Gage	To follow
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9. **Delegated Decisions.** To note the following recent delegated decisions:-

- (a) The decision by Councillor Lager to declare surplus to requirements a piece of land in Halstead - attached at page 59
- (b) The decision by Councillor Mrs Schmitt to approve the licensing of a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle which is 5 months outside the Council's accepted guidelines - attached at page 60

- (c) The decision by Councillor Mrs Scattergood to approve the Council's representations concerning Chelmsford Borough Council's Core Strategy and Development Control Policies - attached at page 61.
- (d) The decision by Councillor Mrs Scattergood to approve the Annual Monitoring Report which assesses the effectiveness of local development documents - attached at page 62.
- (e) The decision by Councillor Mrs Scattergood to provide comments in response to consultation by Essex County Council on further information concerning a planning application for a waste treatment facility at Rivenhall Airfield - attached at page 63.

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

11. **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.

12. 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**

#### **13. *Improve Performance and Deliver Better Value***

**To be taken by Page**

- (a) \*\* Premature Retirements.

Cllr Lager

To follow.

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 Melanie Reynoldson on 551414 or e-mail [melre@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:melre@braintree.gov.uk)

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