

CABINET

AGENDA



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Date: Monday 26th March 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

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Key Decisions

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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 5th February 2007. (Copy previously circulated)

4. **Public Question Time.** (See paragraph on front sheet). **To be taken by** **Report**

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

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| (a) | Quarterly Performance Report for October to December 2006 | Cllr Walters | Already Sent |
| (b) | Corporate Action Plan | Cllr. Butland | Page 1 |
| (c) | Audit Management Letter / Direction of Travel | Cllr. Butland | Presentation |
| (d) | Review of the Implementation of the Scrutiny Panel's Recommendations since 2003. | Cllr. Gyford | Page 6. |
| (e) | To receive and note the minutes of the Local Government Reform Cabinet Sub Group and to consider the recommendations therein. | Cllr. Butland | Page 7 |
| (f) | Web Casting. | Cllr. Butland | Page 16 |

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

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| (a) | Gender Equality Scheme | Cllr. Schmitt | Page 21 |
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7. ***Create a Better Place to Live, Work and Play***

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| (a) | Local Development Framework – Core Strategy (Issues and Options Consultation Paper) | Cllr. Scattergood | Page 40 |
| (b) | Approval for a new Allocations Policy for housing in the Braintree District. | Cllr. Walsh | Page 43 |
| (c) | Business Case for the Partnership with Essex County Council - Discovery Centre and Great Notley Country Park. | Cllr. M Gage | Page 70 |

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

9. **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.

10. To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of the following items for the reasons set out in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Agenda - Private Session

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| 11. <i>Improve Performance and Deliver Better Value</i> | | |
| (a) Compensation Policy for Redundancy | Cllr. Butland | Page 102. |
| 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 Melanie Phillips on 551414 or e-mail melph@braintree.gov.uk

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