

CABINET

AGENDA



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Date: Monday 15th October 2007

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 Member Resources Officer on (01376) 552525 or email eileen.self@braintree.gov.uk prior to 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.

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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 September 2007. (Copy previously circulated)

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

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

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| (a) To receive and note the minutes of the Housing Transfer Programme Board – 19 th September 2007, and to consider recommendation therein. | Cllr Butland | Page 1 |
| (b) To receive and note the minutes of the Local Government Reform Cabinet Sub Group and to consider any recommendations therein. | Cllr Butland | Copy to follow |
| (c) Working Together – Colchester Borough Council | Cllr Butland | Page 6 |
| (d) Medium Term Financial Strategy, including Capital Strategy | Cllr Lager | Report sent separately |
| (e) To receive and note the minutes of the Performance and Efficiency Programme Board – 18 th September 2007 | Cllr Lager | Page 16 |

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

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| (a) A Vision for the Braintree District | Cllr Butland | Copy to follow |
| (b) Replacement of CCTV Equipment | Cllr Rose | Page 23 |

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

- (a) Reference from Braintree Local Committee on Community Centre, Victoria Street, Braintree. Extract attached - Page 25

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

- (a) Guide for the Enforcement of Fly Posting - including extracts from Witham, Braintree & Halstead Local Committees Cllr Walters Page 28
- (b) Green Travel Plan Cllr Walters Page 34

9. **Delegated Decisions.** To note the following recent delegated decisions:-

- (i) The decision by Councillor Harley on responses to Network Rail in response to the proposed Greater Anglia Utilisation Strategy – attached at Page 39.
- (ii) The decision by Councillor Mrs Beavis to re-affirm Braintree District Council's commitment to the Local Compact framework document – attached at Page 41.

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

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| 13. Help People to Feel Safe and Well | | |
| (a) Temporary Accommodation for the Homeless | Cllr Beavis | Page P42 |
| (b) Disposal of Council-owned land in Finchingfield & Sible Hedingham | Cllr Beavis | Page P47 |
| 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 Eileen Self on 551414 ext 2612 or e-mail eileen.self@braintree.gov.uk

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