COUNCIL TAX COMMITTEE

AGENDA

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Date: Tuesday 25th February 2014

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Committee Room 1, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB

Proposed Membership: Councillor P R Barlow
Councillor G Butland
Councillor J T McKee
Councilor Lady Newton
Councillor C Siddall

NOTICE

This meeting is called subject to the resolution of Full Council on 17th February 2014 to establish this Committee.

Members of the Council are requested to attend this meeting to transact the business set out in the Agenda.

N BEACH
Chief Executive
QUESTION TIME

There will be a period of up to 30 minutes when members of the public can speak.

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Please let us have your comments setting out the following information:

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Comments…………………………………………………………………………………………

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest:-

Any member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other Pecuniary Interest to indicate in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Such Member must not participate in any discussion of the matter in which they have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other Pecuniary Interest or participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Member must withdraw from the chamber where the meeting considering the business is being held unless the Member has received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer.
PUBLIC SESSION

1 Appointment of Chairman.

To appoint a Chairman of the Council Tax Committee for the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence.

3 Declarations of Interest.

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and having taken appropriate advice where necessary before the meeting.

4 Public Question Time.

(See page 2).

5 Terms of Reference of the Council Tax Committee.

To note the Terms of Reference of the Council Tax Committee as set out below:

1. To exercise the Council’s functions, powers and duties relating to the formal acceptance of council tax precepts from precepting authorities and the setting of the overall Council Tax for the year; in accordance with Chapter 3 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

2. To take such ancillary matters as necessary for the purposes of 1 above.

3. The Committee shall comprise of five (5) members of the Council appointed for the reminder of the municipal year.

4. The Council delegates the determination of the level of Council Tax for the year 2014/2015 to the Council Tax Committee; for the avoidance of doubt the Committee shall have no power to amend the budget of Braintree District Council.

6 Council Tax Resolution 2014-15

To formally accept the Council Tax Precepts from Precepting Authorities and to settle the overall Council Tax for the Year 2014-15.

An updated report on the Council Tax Resolution 2014-15 will be circulated before the meeting.
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 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

PRIVATE SESSION

At the time of publication there are no items for Private Session

End of Agenda.