

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

Date: Wednesday 11th June 2008

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Causeway House, Braintree

Membership:

Councillor M. Gage (Chairman)	Cllr. A. M. Meyer
Councillor Mrs. C. Sandbrook (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. Mrs. R. O'Shea
Councillor M. Dunn	Councillor R. Ramage
Councillor Dr. R. L. Evans	Councillor W. Rose
Councillor Ms. L. B. Flint	Councillor A. F. Shelton
Councillor J. E. B. Gyford	Councillor F. Swallow

Members are requested to attend this meeting, to transact the following business:-

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Member Declarations.

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) To declare the existence and nature of any instruction given by or on behalf of a political group to any Councillor who is a member of that group as to how that Councillor shall speak or vote on any matter before the Committee or the application or threat to apply any sanction by the group in respect of that Councillor should

he/she speak or vote on any particular matter.

[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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30th April 2008 (copy previously circulated).
4. **Question Time.** (See paragraph overleaf).
5. **Annual Work Programme 2008/09.**
 - (a) Scoping Report – How the Council Project Manages Significant Projects (report attached);
 - (b) Scoping Report – A study to examine, more widely, issues surrounding disabled provision across the District by consulting with relevant disabled groups/organisations (report attached);
 - (c) Overarching Draft Work Plan – to consider the attached report.
6. **Member Training - Budget Scrutiny.**

Following the last meeting of the Committee, Members are advised that following consultation with the facilitator/trainer Dr. P. Watt of INLOGOV, the date, time and venue for this training has been agreed as follows:-

Date: Monday 6th October **Time:** 7.15pm **Venue:** Council Chamber, Causeway House, Braintree

As agreed, an invitation to attend will be sent to all members of the Council.

7. **Investigation undertaken by the former Scrutiny Panel in 2005 – Study into the performance of the Braintree District Leisure Community Association Ltd. ‘Vehicle’ in respect of how the institutional arrangements are working and understood.**

At the time this study was undertaken, the question of swimming club charges was raised by Mr. G. Brown, Chairman of Halstead Swimming Club who was concerned that there should be a consistent swimming club pool hire charge that applied to all three of the Districts Pools.

Paragraph 5.8 of the Panel’s final report, in response, states:-

”....the Council has undertaken consultations with swimming clubs on this issue and the intention is that by the time of the opening of the new Braintree Pool a consistent club hire charge will be in operation. The

Panel will keep a watching brief on this issue.”

Members will be aware that the new Braintree Pool opened at the end of March.

The Committee is advised that the club hire rates for morning and evening sessions at the new pools at Halstead and Braintree are consistent, as is the Gala rate for all three pools. However, the club hire rates at Bramston Sports Centre for morning and evening sessions are slightly lower than the Braintree and Halstead pools to take into account the age of the Bramston facilities.

8. **Feedback and Monitoring of the Implementation of the Committee’s/Task and Finish Group Recommendations** – to consider the attached report.
9. **Forward Plan.** To consider the Forward Plan for the period 1st June 2008 to 30th September 2008 (copy previously circulated).
10. **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.
11. To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of any items for the reasons set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.
At the time of compiling the agenda there were none.
12. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

S. Bore
Scrutiny Manager

If you require any further information relating to this agenda or wish to forward your apologies for absence, please contact Steve Bore on 551414 extension 2003 or e-mail stebo@braintree.gov.uk

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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 prejudicial interest must withdraw whilst the item of

business in question is being considered. Members of the public wishing to speak should contact the Council's Democratic Services Section on (01376) 552525 or email stebo@braintree.gov.uk prior to the meeting.