

Overview & Scrutiny Committee



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

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Date: Wednesday, 9th March 2016

Time: 7.15pm

**Venue: Council Chamber , Braintree District Council, Causeway House,
Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB**

Membership:

Councillor C Bailey	Councillor Mrs S Paul
Councillor K Bowers	Councillor R Ramage
Councillor J Goodman	Councillor F Ricci
Councillor P Horner	Councillor B Rose
Councillor D Hufton-Rees	Councillor P Schwier
Councillor D Mann (Vice Chairman)	Councillor C Siddall (Chairman)

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

PUBLIC SESSION

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Member Declarations

1. To declare the existence and nature of any interests 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.
2. 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

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24th February 2016 (copy previously circulated).

4 Public Question Time

(See paragraph below)

5 Scrutiny Review into Health in the Braintree District Fourth Evidence Gathering Session 4 - 6

6 Annual Report for 2015 -16 7 - 11

7 Decision Planner

To consider the Decision Planner for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st July 2016 (previously circulated).

8 Urgent Business - Public Session

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.

9 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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 this agenda there were no items for private session.

PRIVATE SESSION

10 Urgent Business - Private Session

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.

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Governance and Member Manager

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Public Question Time

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Members of the public wishing to speak should contact the Governance and Members Team on 01376 552525 or email demse@braintree.gov.uk at least 2 working days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public can remain to observe the whole of the public part of the meeting.

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Comments

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Please let us have your comments setting out the following information

Meeting Attended..... Date of Meeting.....

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Contact Details:

Scrutiny Review into Health in the Braintree District Fourth Evidence Gathering Session		Agenda No: 5
Portfolio	Overall Corporate Strategy and Direction Health and Communities Finance and Performance	
Corporate Priority:	A high performing organisation that delivers excellent and value for money services	
Report presented by:	Lee Crabb, Head of Environment & Leisure	
Report prepared by:	Lee Crabb, Head of Environment & Leisure	
Background Papers:	Public Report	
Report and Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee of 15 th July 2015, 23 rd September 2015, 9 th December 2015 and 24 th February 2016.	Key Decision: No	
Executive Summary:		
<p>This meeting is the fourth evidence gathering session of the work programme for the Scrutiny Review in to Health in the Braintree District.</p> <p>This session will be to review projected growth and demographic trends and consider the impact this may have on the provision of Health services in our district.</p>		
Future Provision		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the projections for the District in terms of growth?• Demographic changes (aging population etc.)• Risks in relation to exacerbation of inequalities / creation of new inequalities• Who has control over planning for health provision?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Primary Care○ Ancillary care○ Hospital services○ Non-Medical intervention / Social Care• Planning for access to services• What role is there for the District Council in ensuring future need is met		
<p>For this session the following invitees have kindly agreed to participate in this scrutiny review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emma Goodings, Planning Policy and Land Charges Manager, Planning Policy, Braintree District Council;• Neil Jones, Principal Planner, Development Management, Braintree District		

- Council; and
- Melanie Crass, Interim Project Director for Immediate & Primary Care, Mid Essex CCG.

Members are requested to note that at the date of publication these are the confirmed attendees for this meeting, it is hoped that they will be able to attend but this may be subject to change do to their availability.

Decision

There is no decision before the Committee.

Purpose of Decision:

Not applicable.

Any Corporate implications in relation to the following should be explained in detail

Financial:	None directly arising from this report.
Legal:	None directly arising from this report.
Safeguarding	None directly arising from this report.
Equalities/Diversity	None directly arising from this report.
Customer Impact:	None directly arising from this report.
Environment and Climate Change:	None directly arising from this report.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None directly arising from this report.
Risks:	None directly arising from this report.
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Biographies

To assist Members with their scrutiny review a brief biography has been prepared for each of the invitees.

Emma Goodings, Planning Policy and Land Charges Manager, Planning Policy

Emma Goodings is the Planning Policy Manager, responsible for the delivery of the new Local Plan. The Local Plan will drive District development between now and 2033 and includes the allocation of land for housing, employment and recreation facilities as well as the necessary infrastructure to support the development. As part of this process, the Council has a duty to co-operate with a number of prescribed bodies of which the CCG and NHS

Neil Jones, Principal Planner, Development Management

Neil Jones has worked in the Development Management Team at Braintree for 7 ½ years. Neil's current role is Principal Planning Officer and has a lead responsibility for the delivery of key sites, either acting as the Case Officer or working with other Planning Officers in the department or planning consultants. Other responsibilities include the liaising with Planning Policy on Local Plan strategy; working on the development of cross-service corporate strategy; and working with key consultees in the planning process to inform the decision making on planning applications. This work with consultees includes working with NHS England and the CCG in respect of health service facilities.

Melanie Crass, Interim Project Director for Immediate & Primary Care, Mid Essex CCG

Melanie Crass is the Interim Project Director for Immediate & Primary Care, Mid Essex CCG. In addition Melanie is the Chair of the newly formed Mid Essex Health Economy Local Estates Forum.

Annual Report for 2015 /16		Agenda No: 6
Portfolio	Overall Corporate Strategy and Direction Health and Communities Finance and Performance	
Corporate Outcome:	A high performing organisation that delivers excellent and value for money services	
Report presented by:	Emma Wisbey, Governance and Member Manager	
Report prepared by:	Emma Wisbey, Governance and Member Manager	
Background Papers:		Public Report
Agenda, Reports and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2015/16.		Key Decision: No
Executive Summary:		
This report sets out the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the year 2015-16.		
Members are requested to note the contents of the report. This report will be presented to Full Council on 18 th April 2016.		
Recommended Decision		
1) To note the Annual Report for 2015-16; and 2) To refer the Annual Report to Full Council on 18 th April 2016.		
Purpose of Decision:		
To comply with the reporting arrangements on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Full Council.		

Any Corporate implications in relation to the following should be explained in detail

Financial:	None arising out of this report.
Legal:	None arising out of this report.
Safeguarding	None arising out of this report.
Equalities/Diversity	None arising out of this report.
Customer Impact:	None arising out of this report.
Environment and Climate Change:	None arising out of this report.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None arising out of this report.
Risks:	None arising out of this report.
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Key Scrutiny Topic

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's key areas of scrutiny in 2015/16 have been:

- 1) Scrutiny Review into Health in the Braintree District (main scrutiny topic for 2015/16);
- 2) Council Budget for 2016/17 incorporating the Medium Term Financial Strategy;
- 3) Councillor Capital Programme Bids; and
- 4) Reviewed the work of the Braintree District Community Safety Partnership for 2014/15.

Scrutiny Review into Health in the Braintree District

At the time of preparing this report the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were in the evidence gathering stage of their review. The review is on track to deliver its report with recommendations to Council and Cabinet.

The topic of health was selected due to the increasing importance that the District Council can play in public health and improving the health of residents and the significant impact of health issues and provision for residents. The review looks at the provision of health care for residents of the Braintree District with particular emphasis on access to primary health care and planning for future growth in the Braintree District.

The terms of reference for the review included:

- To consider and understand the health needs of the District with respect to differences in population and relative health issues and to gain an understanding of the various health services that are available to residents and who commissions these services.
- To consider and understand the provision of primary care services which are available to residents and the basis for the distribution of resources.
- To consider the District Council's role in Health Prevention and how it can implement and support appropriate alternatives to primary health care.
- To review projected growth and demographic trends and consider the impact this may have on the provision of Health services and how the various organisations are going about planning for the future.

Council Budget for 2016/17

The Committee scrutinised the Council's budget at two meetings held on 25th November 2015 and 27th January 2016 with Cabinet Members. Both meetings included presentations from the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet on the Council's proposed priorities for 2016/17, Council Budget and Council Tax 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2019/20.

The Committee's meetings on scrutiny of the budget were opened to all Council Members to attend. It is pleasing that many Members who are not Members of the

Committee were able to attend these meetings and participated in the scrutiny review.

Councillors Capital Programme Bids

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were asked to consider the Capital Programme Bids made by Councillors and to determine whether Bids should be recommended to Cabinet for inclusion in the Council's Budget for 2016/17.

One Capital Programme Bid was received. The Bid was submitted by Councillor James Abbott and it regarded to the extension of Silver Street Pavilion, Silver End to enable the facility to be used for multiple purposes rather than the current restricted use, predominantly at weekends, for football changing/occasional football events.

Members initially concluded that the application did not contain enough detail to deem it appropriate to recommend it to Cabinet and invited a further comprehensive report to be brought back. Following a further report and scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the scheme was recommended to Cabinet for inclusion in the Council's Capital Programmes for 2016/17.

Braintree District Community Safety Partnership for 2014/15

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the work of the Braintree District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for 2014/15. The Committee received an explanation on the funding arrangements for the CSP and how priorities are identified for the Partnership. The Committee also received an overview of the work and campaigns carried out in 2014/15.

Task and Finish Groups

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee also established the following Task and Finish Groups in 2015/16 with Membership drawn from all Members of the Council.

- Apprentices in the Braintree District;

Members: Councillors C Bailey, M Banthorpe, K Bowers, S Canning, Mrs M Cunningham, M Dunn, H Johnson, Mrs S Paul and Mrs L Walters

- Review of Bus and Community Transport Services in the Braintree District.

Members: Councillors Mrs J Allen, Mrs M Cunningham, J Goodman, A Hensman, Mrs I Parker, Mrs J Pell, Mrs L Walters and Mrs S Wilson

The Committee received regular progress reports on the work of the Task and Finish Groups. At the time of preparing this report both reviews are in their evidence gathering stage, but on track to deliver their scrutiny reports with recommendations to Council and Cabinet.

Acknowledgements:

Committee Members are grateful to all those who have attended its meetings over the year and assisted with its enquiries and studies. This includes Cabinet Members

and all Members attending the Committee's budget scrutiny meeting and all the participants who have attending scrutiny meetings to share their knowledge to inform Members on the Health provision within this District.