

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, 2nd November 2016 at 7.15 PM

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

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Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to attend this meeting to transact the business set out in the Agenda.

Membership:-

Councillor Mrs M Cunningham	Councillor R Ramage
Councillor J Goodman	Councillor F Ricci
Councillor P Horner	Councillor Miss V Santomauro
Councillor D Hufton-Rees	Councillor P Schwier
Councillor D Mann (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor C Siddall (Chairman)
Councillor G Maclure	Vacancy

Members unable to attend the meeting are requested to forward their apologies for absence to the Governance and Members Team on 01376 552525 or email governance@braintree.gov.uk by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

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Chief Executive

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS - DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

Any member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest must declare the nature of their interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Members 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.

Question Time

The Agenda allows for a period of up to 30 minutes when members of the public can speak. Members of the public wishing to speak are requested to register by contacting the Governance and Members Team on 01376 552525 or email governance@braintree.gov.uk no later than 2 working days prior to the meeting. The Council reserves the right to decline any requests to register to speak if they are received after this time. Members of the public can remain to observe the public session of the meeting.

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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 21st September 2016 (copy previously circulated).

4 Public Question Time

(See paragraph above)

5 Fourth Evidence Gathering Session for the Committee's Scrutiny Review into Broadband Provision

To receive a presentation from James Saunby, Founder and Consulting Director of GreySky Consulting.

6 Discussion on Potential Recommendations for the Scrutiny Review Report

Members are asked to discuss any recommendations that they would like considered for inclusion the Committee's final report on this topic.

7 Decision Planner

To consider the Decision Planner for the period 1st December 2016 to 31st March 2017 (previously circulated).

8 Update on Task and Finish Groups

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Task and Finish Groups.

9 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.