

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

**Date:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

**Time:** 7.15pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Causeway House, Braintree

## Membership:

Councillor J. Baugh	Councillor A. M. Meyer
Councillor G. Cohen	Councillor R. Ramage
Councillor M. Dunn	Councillor D. E. A. Rice
Councillor Dr. R. L. Evans	Councillor A. F. Shelton
Councillor M. G. Gage (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs. J. A. Smith
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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
4. **Question Time.** (See paragraph on page iii).
5. **Scrutiny Hearing – The Problems Caused To People With Disabilities As A Result of Vehicles Parking Across And On Pavements.**

The hearing will focus on a partnership approach in resolving the problem of pavement parking as follows:-

"How can the District Council, the County Council and the Police work together to develop a joint, partnership approach towards tackling the problems caused to people with disabilities (and other pedestrians) as a result of inconsiderate parking across and on pavements.

- (i) Introduction from the Chairman to set the scene;
- (ii) Witnesses to make an opening statement outlining their organisation's involvement in tackling the problem, and what benefits they see in developing a joint partnership approach;
- (iii) General question and answer session;
- (iv) Chairman to sum up and identify potential steps that could be taken to alleviate problems".

Witnesses who have been invited to attend this session are as follows:-

Mr. R. James, Highways Manager, Mid Area Highways Office, Essex  
County Council  
Chief Inspector A. Gooden, Braintree Police Station  
Inspector A. Wilson, Braintree Police Station  
Sgt. Wilson, Witham Police Station  
Inspector N. Murray, Halstead Police Station  
Mr. R. Walker, Parking Services Manager, Parking Partnership  
Mr. P. Partridge, Head of Operations, Braintree District Council  
Mr. M. Galley, Street Care Manager, Braintree District Council  
Mr. T. Lawrence, Community Warden Supervisor

*(Would Members please bring with them their Information Pack for this study)*

6. **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.

7. 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.*

8. **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](mailto: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](mailto:stebo@braintree.gov.uk) prior to the meeting.