

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Wednesday, 1st February 2017 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.**

Councillor Mrs M Cunningham  
Councillor Mrs D Garrod  
Councillor J Goodman  
Councillor P Horner  
Councillor D Hufton-Rees  
Councillor G Maclure

Councillor D Mann (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor R Ramage  
Councillor F Ricci  
Councillor Miss V Santomauro  
Councillor P Schwier  
Councillor Siddall (Chairman)

**Invitees:** Cabinet Members for Item 5, Scrutiny of the Council Budget for 2017-18 Update.  
All Councillors are invited to attend this meeting for Item 5, Scrutiny of the Council Budget for 2017-18 Update.

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Chief Executive

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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 Public Question Time**  
(See paragraph above)**4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7th December 2016 (copy previously circulated).

**5 Scrutiny of the Council Budget for 2017-18 Update**

To receive a presentation from the Cabinet on the updated Council Budget for 2017-18.

**Report and presentation slides are to follow.**

**Note:**

1. The report for this item is prepared for the publication of the Cabinet Agenda for the meeting of 6th February 2016.
2. All Members of the Council are invited to attend for this item as part of the Member Development Programme to enable them to understand the Council's Budget for 2017-18 update.
3. Only Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can vote on this item.

**6 First Evidence Gathering Session for the Scrutiny Review into Employment Sites and Premises** **5 - 7**

- 7 Task and Finish Group Update**  
To receive a verbal update of the work of the Task and Finish Groups.
- 8 Decision Planner**  
To consider the Decision Planner for the period 1st February 2017 to 31st May 2017 (previously circulated).
- 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.
- 10 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 none.*

## **PRIVATE SESSION**

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- 11 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.

First Evidence Gathering Session for theScrutiny Review into Employment Sites and Premises		Agenda No: 6
Portfolio	Economic Development	
Corporate Outcome:	A sustainable environment and a great place to live, work and play A well connected and growing district with high quality homes and infrastructure A prosperous district that attracts business growth and provides high quality employment opportunities A high performing organisation that delivers excellent and value for money services Delivering better outcomes for residents and businesses and reducing costs to taxpayers	
Report presented by:	Janet Whyte, Economic Development Officer, Infrastructure	
Report prepared by:	Janet Whyte, Economic Development Officer, Infrastructure	
Background Papers:	Public Report	
N/A	Key Decision: No	
Executive Summary:		
This meeting is the first evidence gathering session of the work programme for the Scrutiny Review into Employment Sites and Premises.		
For this session Anita Thornberry, Executive Director of Haven Gateway Partnership has kindly agreed to participate in the Scrutiny Review.		
Recommended 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.**

<b>Financial:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Legal:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Safeguarding:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Equalities/Diversity:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Customer Impact:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Environment and Climate Change:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Consultation/Community Engagement:</b>	None arising out of this report
<b>Risks:</b>	None arising out of this report
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**Anita Thornberry**  
**Executive Director, Haven Gateway Partnership**

**Biography**

Anita has been working in the field of economic development for 20 years. She started her career with English Heritage where she promoted heritage sites as economic regeneration tools to secure funding for the improvement of the sites. As a result of this work, Anita was seconded to the Regional Development Agency in the North East (One NorthEast) to lead a cross-regional project identifying the means by which Hadrian's Wall could be utilised as a catalyst for urban and rural regeneration along its length. Whilst working at One NorthEast, Anita was involved in Newcastle's bid to be European Capital of Culture, led on the creation of a World Heritage Site Management Plan for Durham University and Cathedral and assisted in the restructuring of tourism in the region. From One NorthEast, Anita became Head of Tourism for London working for the London Development Agency under the Mayor of London. In this role, Anita restructure the London tourism landscape and established Visit London, securing the first revenue funding Green Book Appraisal via the Treasury; establishing the London International Conference Centre Commission; writing elements of the Olympics Legacy Plan and working with the Mayor's team to secure the London Olympics bid; managing the tourism implications of the 7th July terror attacks; and, ensuring that tourism was seen as a key driver of economic development via the London Economic Plan.

Anita was then seconded to EEDA as Director of Tourism to restructure the tourism bodies and strengthen the sub-regional tourism agencies as well as support planning for the Olympics in the region. Anita also supported the establishment of the new Business Support structures at the time. On completion of the secondment, Anita took up the position of Head of Economy, Tourism and Regeneration at Southend Borough Council where she secured £25m Central Government funding for regeneration and oversaw the delivery of the associated programme of works including the regeneration of Southend seafront and new transport infrastructure improvements. Anita also worked with Planning colleagues on the expansion of London Southend Airport runway and led on the development of the Southend Airport Business Park. Anita left Southend Borough Council to take up the position of MedTech Campus Director with Anglia Ruskin University where she specialised in helping to bring innovations in the health and social care arena to market as well as overseeing the creation of the three science parks in Essex and the running of the University's Innovation Centre specialising in supporting medical and advanced engineering companies. As a consequence of this work, Anita has worked with Innovate UK and the innovation Catapults as well as global private sector companies such as CGI, Siemens and Finnmeccanica in assisting them to enter the health and social care technology market, linking them with innovative start-ups for cross-fertilisation of ideas. Anita is particularly interested in cross-sectoral working to solve societal challenges through technology such as an ageing population and decreasing workforce.

Since April 2016, Anita has been the Executive Director of the Haven Gateway Partnership where she is helping to secure business engagement in the A120 campaign, establishing a business network, engaging with Whitehall and Westminster on the work of the Haven Gateway Partnership and overseeing an ERDF bid for the logistics sector. In addition, Anita is Interim Head of Economic Development at Braintree District Council.