

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

**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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 (Copy previously circulated).
4. **Question Time.** (See paragraph below).
5. **Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters.**

To receive a presentation from representatives of the Community Safety Partnership covering the following:-

- What the Partnership is;
- How it operates;
- What are the main areas of work;
- What are the key current activities.

(Approximately 1 hour has been allotted for the presentations and ½ hour for members questions)

The following representatives of the Partnership will be in attendance:-

Stephen Nicholas, Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership  
Charmaine Dean, Head of Community Services  
Helena Goodwin, Community Safety and Development Manager

(Will Members please bring with them the documents that I enclosed with my letter of 3/8/10)

6. **Scrutiny of The Cabinet's Proposed 2011/12 Budget.**

Further to my letter to Members of 2/8/10, I have been advised that Cllr. Mrs. Schmitt is away on 27/10/10, but Cllr. Walters has agreed to swop sessions.

The revised arrangements are therefore as follows:-

1. Opening Session with the Leader and Deputy Leader  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Cllr. G. Butland, Leader of the Council  
Cllr. N. Harley, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Enterprise and Culture

2. Two Subsequent Sessions with Groups of Portfolio Holders as follows:-

(i) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010

First Group

Cllr. N. Harley, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Enterprise and Culture  
Cllr. Lady Patricia Newton, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Well-Being

Cllr. R. Walters, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability

(ii) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Cllr. Mrs. J. Beavis, Portfolio Holder for Customers and Community Support

Cllr. M. Lager, Portfolio Holder for Efficiency and Resources

Cllr. Mrs. W. Schmitt, Portfolio Holder for Clean, Green and Safe

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*Would Members please note that in the event that the Government's Spending Review announcement on 20/10/10 does not include the announcement of local authorities three year grant settlements, it may be necessary to revise the budget scrutiny arrangements further.*

**7. Task and Finish Groups.**

Public Services Provision for Older People – Task and Finish Group – to receive a brief verbal update from Cllr. R. Ramage the Chairman of this Group.

**8. Decision Plan (formerly known as the Forward Plan).**

To consider the Decision Plan for the period 1/9/10 to 31/12/10 (copy previously circulated).

**9. 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.

**10.** 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.*

**11. 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 (01376) 551414 extension 2003 or e-mail [stebo@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:stebo@braintree.gov.uk)

**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.