

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

Date: Wednesday 16th September 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 22nd July 2009 (copy previously circulated).
4. **Question Time.** (See paragraph on page iii).
5. **Scrutiny of the Municipal Waste Strategy for Essex – Mechanical Biological Treatment Plants and PFI**

The Committee agreed at its last meeting that Mr. Paul Frith consultant (Frith Waste Management) should provide an independent presentation to assist members in their scrutiny of this topic.

Paul Frith's presentation will be in three parts:-

- (1) a critical assessment of the information provided to the Committee at its meeting on 28/1/09;
- (2) an independent view on Mechanical Biological Treatment Plants;
- (3) an independent view on Private Finance Initiative.

(A copy of the transcript of the meeting of the Committee held on 28/1/09 is enclosed to remind members of the issues that were discussed at that meeting, and for the benefit of those new members of the Committee).

The presentation will last approximately 30 minutes to be followed by a 30 minute question and answer session.

The presentation will be open to all interested members of the Council to attend.

6. **Scrutinising the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (Police and Justice Act 2006)**

To give consideration to the attached report.

7. **Councillor Call for Action (Police and Justice Act 2006; Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.**

To give consideration to the attached report.

8. **Budget Scrutiny Process for 2010/11**

To receive an update on scrutinising the Cabinet's proposed budget for 2010/11 following the two Budget Sub Groups informal deliberations at the

conclusion of the last meeting of the Committee.

9. Task and Finish Groups

Bus and Railway Services in the District – Task and Finish Group – to receive a brief verbal update from Cllr. A. Shelton, the Chairman of the Group.

10. **Forward Plan.** To consider the Forward Plan for the period 1st September to 31st December 2009 (copy previously circulated).

11. **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.

12. 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.

13. **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

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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 prior to the meeting.