

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 29th November 2011

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Causeway House, Braintree CM7 9HB

Membership:

Councillor P R Barlow	Councillor W J Rose
Councillor C A Cadman	Councillor C Sandbrook
Councillor Dr R L Evans (Chairman)	Councillor G A Spray
Councillor S A Howell	Councillor J S Sutton
Councillor D J Louis	Councillor J R Swift
Councillor R P Ramage	

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. **Question Time.** (See paragraph below).
4. **Minutes.** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 16th November 2011 (copy to follow).
5. **Scrutiny of the Council's Budget.** To consider with Cabinet members, the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13 to 2015/16 update report to be presented to Cabinet on 5th December (report to follow).
6. **Decision Planner.** To consider the Decision Planner for the period 16th November 2011 to 31st March 2012 (copy previously circulated).
7. **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.
8. 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.

9. **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.

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Member Services Manager

If you require any further information relating to this agenda or wish to forward your apologies for absence, please contact Alastair Peace on 01376 551414 extension 2602 or e-mail alastair.peace@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 Member Services on 01376 551414 or email alastair.peace@braintree.gov.uk prior to the meeting.

The Council's "Question Time" leaflet explains the procedure and copies of this may be obtained from the Council.