

CABINET MEETING

The CABINET will meet at CAUSEWAY HOUSE, BOCKING END, BRAINTREE, ESSEX CM7 9HB on MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.15PM

Membership

Councillor Graham Butland (Chairman) - Leader of the Council
Councillor Nigel Harley – Deputy Leader/Enterprise, Culture and Leisure
Councillor Joanne Beavis – Customers and Communication
Councillor Michael Lager - Efficiency and Resources
Councillor Wendy Schmitt – Communities and Housing
Councillor Roger Walters – Environment and Sustainability

Invitees

Deputy Cabinet Portfolio Members:-

Councillor David Bebb - Customers and Communication
Councillor Liz Edey - Communities and Housing
Councillor Nigel McCrea – Leader's Portfolio
Councillor John McKee - Efficiency and Resources
Councillor Robert Mitchell - Environment and Sustainability
Councillor Tim Wilkinson – Enterprise, Culture and Leisure

Other invitees:- Group Leaders, Local Committee Chairmen and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Question Time

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Declarations of Interests:-

- 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.
- 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. *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*

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE			
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST			
3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME			
4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING			
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 th October 2008 (Copy previously circulated)			
5. PEOPLE TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS			
No	Subject	Executive Summary	Additional Papers
5a	<u>‘One District – One Vision’: Strategy for People and Places in the Braintree District to 2025</u> – to comment upon the draft Sustainable Community Strategy and Community Priorities. Presented by: Cllr Butland Report Author: Sara Moutard	Page 1	
6. EVERYONE CAN ENJOY A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE			
6a	<u>Bramston Leisure Centre and Maltings Academy</u> – to consider the future of Bramston Leisure Centre Presented by: Cllr Harley Report Author: Peter Crofts	Page 3	
6b	<u>Supporting our Communities</u> during the current economic climate – to endorse proposed initiatives Presented by: Cllr Butland Report Author: Charmaine Dean	Page 5	
7. BUSINESS IS ENCOURAGED AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY PROSPERS			
7a	<u>Town Centre Regeneration</u> – Braintree, Witham & Halstead – to receive a report following consultation Presented by: Cllr Butland Report Author: Andrew Epsom	Page 9	Appendix 7a Page 1

8. WE DELIVER EXCELLENT, COST EFFECTIVE AND VALUED SERVICES			
8a	<p><u>Medium Term Financial Strategy</u>, including update position and the Grant Settlement. Initial assessment of the implications for the 2009/10 budgets and the following two years; including efficiencies, capital, Service Level Agreements, Energy Costs and the Treasury Management Strategy.</p> <p>Presented by: Cllr Lager Report Author: Trevor Wilson</p>	Page 11	<p>Appendix 8a</p> <p>Page 37</p>
8b	<p><u>Quarterly Performance Report</u> for July to September 2008 – to review the half-year performance</p> <p>Presented by: Cllr Lager Report Author: Sara Moutard</p>	Report sent separately	
9. CABINET MEMBERS' UPDATES – to receive Cabinet Members' verbal reports on key issues within their Portfolio			
10. REFERENCES FROM COUNCIL/COMMITTEES/GROUPS			
10a	<p><u>Rural Isolation</u> - to receive the report of the Task and Finish Group (Deferred from 09/10/08) Presented by: Cllr Mrs Spray</p>	(Members are requested to bring the report from the Council meeting 15/09/08)	
10b	<p><u>Use of Resources</u> – Key Lines of Enquiry 2008 – to receive a recommendation from the Audit Committee 25th September 2008 – that the submission be accepted. Presented by: Cllr Reid</p>	<p>Extract from Minutes – Page 20</p> <p>Report attached – Page 21</p>	
10c	<p><u>Freedom of Information Publication Scheme</u> To receive a recommendation to Council from the Local Government Reform Cabinet Sub Group 26th November 2008 Presented by: Cllr Butland</p>	<p>Report attached – Page 23</p> <p>Extract from Minutes to follow</p>	
**10d	<p><u>Proposal for Joint Parking Service</u> with Colchester and Uttlesford – to receive a recommendation from the Performance & Efficiency Programme Board 27th November 2008 – to approve the joint service Presented by: Cllr Lager</p>	<p>Report attached - Page 26</p> <p>Appendix 10d – Page 66</p> <p>Extract from Minutes to follow</p>	

11. REPORTS/ DELEGATED DECISIONS/MINUTES TO BE NOTED		
11a	<u>Chief Executive Report</u> Presented by: Allan Reid	Page 31
11b	<u>Delegated Decisions</u> – to note recently made delegated decisions	Page 34
11c	<u>Minutes</u> from Cabinet Sub Groups – to note the following minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Olympics 2012 – 18th September 2008 - 6th November 2008 ➤ Local Government Reform – 13th October 2008 	Copy previously circulated Copy to follow Copy to follow
12. URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN		
13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS TO CONSIDER REPORTS IN PRIVATE SESSION – for reasons set out in Paragraphs 3 & 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972		

NOTE - Call in Procedure

Key Decisions can be identified by the prefix **. Any 5 Members of the Council may refer any key decision made on this Agenda to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 'call in'. This must be undertaken within 6 days of publication of the minutes. Any decisions made and not 'called in' by this date and time will become effective.

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