

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

Date: Wednesday 29th April 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 11th March 2009 (copy previously circulated) and 20th April 2009 (copy to follow).
4. **Question Time.** (See paragraph overleaf).
5. **Annual Work Programme 2009/10.** To consider the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the next year (see recommendations from the Scrutiny Steering Board held on 22nd April 2009 – copy to follow)
6. **2010/11 – Budget Scrutiny Process**

This item was the subject of discussion at the last meeting of the Committee (copy of minute extract attached).

As this is the first meeting in the new civic year, the Committee need to determine the full membership of the two sub-groups.

7. **Work Programme Item – How the Council Manages Significant Projects.**

To note the Cabinet's decision on the Committee's recommendations (see minute extracts attached).

8. **Work Programme Item – Study into Two Issues Surrounding Disabled Provision Across the District – (i) the problems caused to people with disabilities as a result of vehicles parking across and on pavements; (ii) whether there is adequate provision of public disabled toilets in the District.**

The Information Pack attached sets out the responses received in connection with this study.

The Committee is asked to consider how it wishes to take this study forward.

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 May to 31st August 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.