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CABINET

The CABINET will meet in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the **TOWN HALL CENTRE, BRAINTREE**, CM7 3YG on **THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2008** at 7.15PM

Membership

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

Invitees

Deputy Cabinet Portfolio Members:-

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

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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 personal and prejudicial interest must withdraw whilst the item of business in question is being considered. Members of the public wishing to speak should contact the Democratic Services Officer on (01376) 552525 or email eileen.self@braintree.gov.uk prior to the meeting. The Council's "Question Time" leaflet explains the procedure and copies of this may be obtained at the Council's offices at Braintree, Witham and Halstead.

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- 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. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING			
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st September 2008 (Copy previously circulated)			
2. OVERALL CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DIRECTION			
No	Subject	Executive Summary	Additional Papers
2a	Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Sustainable Community Strategy – to Recommend to Council the approval of the draft Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework for consultation Presented by: Cllr Butland Report Authors: Paul Munson & Sara Moutard	Page 1	Appendix 2a
3. WE DELIVER EXCELLENT, COST EFFECTIVE AND VALUED SERVICES			
3a	Medium Term Financial Strategy Update– to receive an update on the current position Presented by: Cllr Lager Report Author: Trevor Wilson	Page 3	
4. THE ENVIRONMENT IS CLEAN AND GREEN			
4a	Waste Issues – to Recommend to Council the adoption of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Essex Presented by: Cllr Mitchell Report Author: Paul Partridge	Page 10	
5. DELEGATED DECISIONS – To note the following recent delegated decision:-			
5a	Councillors Harley and Lager agreed the transfer of land and buildings at John Bramston Sports Centre from John Bramston School to Braintree District Council, and to renegotiate a joint use agreement	Page 13	
6. CABINET MEMBERS' UPDATES – to receive Member's verbal reports			
7. REFERENCES FROM COUNCIL/COMMITTEES/GROUPS			
7a	Review of Fees and Charges Policy – to receive the report of the Task and Finish Group Presented by: Cllr Mrs Sandbrook	<i>(Members are requested to bring the report from the Council meeting 15/09/08)</i>	
7b	Rural Isolation - to receive the report of the Task and Finish Group Presented by: Cllr Mrs Spray	<i>(Members are requested to bring the report from the Council meeting 15/09/08)</i>	
7c	Resources in the Council's Enforcement Sections – to approve the allocation of funding for an additional Enforcement Officer post. Presented by: Cllr Harley	Page 15	<i>Minute 56, Cabinet meeting 01/09/08 refers</i>

7d	Local Petitions and Calls for Action – to endorse the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Presented by Cllr M Gage	Page 17 and Appendix 7d
7e	Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power – Improving Local Accountability - to endorse the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Presented by Cllr M Gage	Page 19 and Appendix 7e
8. REPORTS/MINUTES TO BE NOTED		
8a	Chief Executive Report Verbal report by: Allan Reid	
8b	Performance & Efficiency Programme Board – minutes of 24 th September 2008 Presented by: Cllr Lager	Copy to follow
9. URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN		
10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS TO CONSIDER REPORTS IN PRIVATE SESSION – There are none		

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