

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (copy previously circulated).
4. **Question Time.** (See paragraph below).
5. **Mayland House, Witham.** At the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that this item would be considered further in the light of the debate and the decision at full Council, with a view to determining whether the Committee wished to carry out any post decision scrutiny in respect of the handling of the Mayland House issue. Would Members please bring with them the report and papers that accompanied the 1/2/10 Cabinet Agenda.
6. **Review of this Year's Budget Scrutiny Process** - Scrutiny Manager's report attached.
7. **Essex County Council - Health Overview and Scrutiny Proposals**  
To note the County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's protocols for dealing with health scrutiny issues – copy attached.
8. **Work Programme Item – Study Into How Contributions from Section 106 Agreements are Managed by the Council – Update on Scrutiny Hearings**  
Members are advised that arrangements have been made for Scrutiny Hearings to take place as follows:-  
  
Scrutiny Hearing with Officers – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 – Council Chamber, Causeway House – 7.15pm  
  
Scrutiny Hearing with Parish Representatives – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – Council Chamber, Causeway House – 7.15pm  
  
Copies of the Question Plans and Agendas will be despatched in due course.
9. **Task and Finish Groups**  
  
Public Services Provision for Older People – Task and Finish Group – to receive a brief verbal update from Cllr. R. Ramage the Chairman of the Group.
10. **Forward Plan.**  
  
To consider the Forward Plan for the period 1/3/10 to 30/6/10 (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](mailto:stebo@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 Democratic Services Section on (01376) 552525 or email [stebo@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:stebo@braintree.gov.uk) prior to the meeting.