



Agenda

Annual Council

Wednesday, 20 May 2015 at 7.00 pm
Council Chamber - Town Hall

Membership (Quorum – 10)

All Brentwood Borough Councillors are respectfully summoned to attend the above meeting to transact the business set out below.

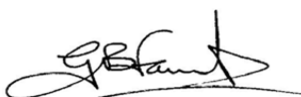
Reports and appendices marked “to follow” will be produced and published as a supplement to the agenda when the outcome of the Brentwood Borough elections is known.

Agenda Item	Item	Wards(s) Affected	Page No
1.	Apologies for Absence		
2.	Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers	All Wards	
3.	Mayor's Announcements The Mayor's Presentations to Civic Award Winners and Charities.	All Wards	
4.	Election of Mayor for Municipal Year 2015/16 Vote of thanks to outgoing Mayor	All Wards	5 - 8
5.	Appointment of a Deputy Mayor for Municipal Year 2015/16	All Wards	9 - 12
6.	Brentwood Borough Council Elections The Chief Executive will report the results of the Borough elections.	All Wards	
7.	Political Groups on the Council The Chief Executive will report receipt of Notices served on him by Members under the provisions of the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.	All Wards	13 - 16

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| 8. | Elect a Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council | All Wards 17 - 20 |
| 9. | Leader's Statement
To receive the Leader's statement and others under Council Procedure Rule 6.

<i>The annual meeting of Council may receive:</i>

<i>(i) an address from the Leader of the Council for up to 15 minutes;</i>
<i>(ii) a response from the Leader of the main Opposition Group for up to 10 minutes;</i>
<i>(iii) a response from each of the leaders of the other political groups for up to 5 minutes per speaker;</i>
<i>(iv) a response from any member who is not a member of a political group for up to 3 minutes.</i> | |
| 10. | Committees and their Terms of Reference
<i>(Appendix A to follow).</i> | All Wards 21 - 24 |
| 11. | Political Balance, Allocation of Committee Seats and Committee Appointments
<i>(Appendices A, B and C to follow).</i> | All Wards 25 - 30 |
| 12. | Committee Calendar for 2015/2016
<i>(Appendix A to follow).</i> | All Wards 31 - 34 |
| 13. | Appointment of Representatives on Outside Organisations
<i>(Appendix A to follow).</i> | All Wards 35 - 38 |
| 14. | Members Allowances 2015/2016
<i>(Appendix A to follow).</i> | All Wards 39 - 44 |
| 15. | Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 - Dismissal Advisory Panel | All Wards 45 - 52 |
| 16. | Appointment of Chief Executive and Designation as Head of Paid Service | All Wards 53 - 56 |
| 17. | Appointment of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer | All Wards 57 - 60 |
| 18. | Urgent Business
An item of business may only be considered where the Chair is of the opinion that, by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the Minutes, the item should be considered as a matter of urgency. | |



Chief Executive
Town Hall
Brentwood, Essex

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Information for Members

Substitutes

The names of substitutes shall be announced at the start of the meeting by the Chair and the substitution shall cease at the end of the meeting.

Where substitution is permitted, substitutes for quasi judicial/regulatory committees must be drawn from Members who have received training in quasi- judicial/regulatory decision making. If a casual vacancy occurs on a quasi judicial/regulatory committee it will not be filled until the nominated member has been trained.

Rights to Attend and Speak

Any Members may attend any Committee to which these procedure rules apply.

A Member who is not a member of the Committee may speak at the meeting. The Member may speak at the Chair's discretion, it being the expectation that a Member will be allowed to speak on a ward matter.

Members requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting.

Point of Order/ Personal explanation/ Point of Information

Point of Order

A member may raise a point of order at any time. The Mayor will hear them immediately. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these Procedure Rules or the law. The Member must indicate the rule or law and the way in which they consider it has been broken. The ruling of the Mayor on the point of order will be final.

Personal Explanation

A member may make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation must relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate, or outside of the meeting. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

Point of Information or clarification

A point of information or clarification must relate to the matter being debated. If a Member wishes to raise a point of information, he/she must first seek the permission of the Mayor. The Member must specify the nature of the information he/she wishes to provide and its importance to the current debate, If the Mayor gives his/her permission, the Member will give the additional information succinctly. Points of Information or clarification should be used in exceptional circumstances and should not be used to interrupt other speakers or to make a further speech when he/she has already spoken during the debate. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a point of information or clarification will be final.

Information for Members of the Public

Access to Information and Meetings

You have the right to attend all meetings of the Council and Committees. You also have the right to see the agenda, which will be published no later than 5 working days before the meeting, and minutes once they are published. Dates of the meetings are available at www.brentwood.gov.uk.

Webcasts

All of the Council's meetings are webcast, except where it is necessary for the items of business to be considered in private session (please see below).

If you are seated in the public area of the Council Chamber, it is likely that your image will be captured by the recording cameras and this will result in your image becoming part of the broadcast. This may infringe your Human Rights and if you wish to avoid this, you can sit in the upper public gallery of the Council Chamber.

Guidelines on filming, photography, recording and use of social media at council and committee meetings

The council welcomes the filming, photography, recording and use of social media at council and committee meetings as a means of reporting on its proceedings because it helps to make the council more transparent and accountable to its local communities.

Where members of the public use a laptop, tablet device, smart phone or similar devices to make recordings, these devices must be set to 'silent' mode to avoid interrupting proceedings of the council or committee.

If you wish to record the proceedings of a meeting and have any special requirements or are intending to bring in large equipment then please contact the Communications Team before the meeting.

The use of flash photography or additional lighting may be allowed provided it has been discussed prior to the meeting and agreement reached to ensure that it will not disrupt proceedings.

The Chair of the meeting may terminate or suspend filming, photography, recording and use of social media if any of these activities, in their opinion, are disrupting proceedings at the meeting.

Private Session

Occasionally meetings will need to discuss some of its business in private. This can only happen on a limited range of issues, which are set by law. When a Committee does so, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

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Access

There is wheelchair access to the Town Hall from the Main Entrance. There is an induction loop in the Council Chamber.

Evacuation Procedures

Evacuate the building using the nearest available exit and congregate at the assembly point in the North Front Car Park.