



# Agenda

## Ordinary Council

Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15  
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### Membership (Quorum – 10 )

Cllrs Barrett (Mayor), Haigh (Deputy Mayor), Aspinell, Barber, Dr Barrett, Bridge, M Cuthbert, Mrs N Cuthbert, Mrs Davies, Mrs Francois, Mrs Fulcher, Gelderbloem, Gorton, Heard, Hirst, Kendall, Laplain, Lewis, Marsh, Mayo, McCheyne, Munden, Mrs Murphy, Mynott, Naylor, Parker, Poppy, Mrs Pound, Reed, Rigby, Russell, Sankey, Slade, Wagland, White, Wiles and Worsfold

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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.
18. **EXEMPT - Joint Venture**  
The public will be excluded from the meeting for this item of business on the grounds that the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is involved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Stephenson', is centered at the top of the page. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line crossing through the middle of the letters.

Jonathan Stephenson  
Chief Executive

Town Hall  
Brentwood, Essex  
28.11.2023

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### Information for Members

#### Substitutes

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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.

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#### Rights to Attend and Speak

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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.

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#### Point of Order/ Personal explanation/ Point of Information

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##### 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.

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### Information for Members of the Public

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#### 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](http://www.brentwood.gov.uk).

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#### 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

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these activities, in their opinion, are disrupting proceedings at the meeting.

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