

# **Ordinary Council**

## **Agenda**

### **Part One**

Council Chamber - Town Hall

Wednesday, 4 February 2015 at 7.00 pm

Membership (Quorum – 10)

#### Councillors

Cllrs Mrs Davies (Mayor), Keeble (Deputy Mayor), Aspinell, Baker, Barrett, Carter, Chilvers, Clark, Cloke, Mrs Cohen, Mrs Coe, Faragher, Mrs Henwood, Hirst, Mrs Hones, Hossack, Mrs Hubbard, Kendall, Kerslake, Le-Surf, Lloyd, McCheyne, Mrs McKinlay, Morrissey, Mrs Murphy, Mynott, Dr Naylor, Newberry, Parker, Quirk, Reed, Russell, Ms Sanders, Sapwell, Sleep, Mrs Squirrell and Tee

Committee Co-ordinator: Jean Sharp (01277 312655)

Members are respectfully summoned to attend the above meeting to transact the business set out below.

Additional information:

#### Notice of an Amendment

Subject to Rule 3.3, notice of an amendment to a recommendation or motion on the agenda for a Council meeting may be given by two members to the Monitoring Officer up to 12 noon on the day of Council. Only motions which can be moved without notice or amendments to recommendations arising from Officers' reports will be accepted without notice.

#### Questions to a Committee Chair

A brief written report by each Committee Chair covering their area of responsibility will be circulated with the agenda for each Council meeting.

Any member may ask a Chair written or oral questions on:

- (a) any matter included in a Chair's written report; or
- (b) any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Council's area and which falls within the area of responsibility of the Chair's Committee.

The period allowed for written and oral questions and answers will not exceed **80 minutes** without the leave of the Mayor and such leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

#### Written questions to a Committee Chair

A member may ask a written question if notice in writing of the question has been received by the Monitoring Officer no later than 10.00 am **four working days** before the day of the Council meeting. Questions will be dealt with in the order in which notice was received.

An answer may take the form of:

- (a) a direct oral answer; or
- (b) a reference to a publication, where the information is in a publication of the Council or other published work; or
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally (for example if is in the form of diagrams), a written answer will be circulated to all members at the meeting.

Each questioner is entitled to ask one supplementary question arising directly out of either the reply to the original question or where the questioner considers that the reply requires clarification.

#### Oral questions

After questions and answers under Rule 7.4 have been dealt with, any member may ask one question of a Chair under Rule 7.2.

No supplementary question shall be put except if the questioner considers that the reply requires clarification and the Mayor gives leave to the questioner to ask a supplementary question.

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

For clarity, relevant sections of Rule 8 of the Council's Procedure Rules (Part 4.1 of the Constitution) are set out for Members' information below:

#### 8.3.14 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.

#### 8.3.15 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. The ruling of the Mayor on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

#### 8.3.16 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 un 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 its Boards 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 <a href="www.brentwood.gov.uk">www.brentwood.gov.uk</a> or from Democratic Services (01277 312739).

#### 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.

#### **Private Sessions**

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 Board or Committee does so, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

# 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.

#### 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.

## Part I

(During consideration of these items the meeting is likely to be open to the press and public)

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**Acting Chief Executive** 

Town Hall Brentwood, Essex 20.01.2015

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