

8 December 2008

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden on Tuesday, 16 December 2008 at 7.45 pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

Chief Executive

Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements subject to having given two working days prior notice.

PART I

- 1 Members' question and answer session (up to 15 minutes).
- 2 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 3 To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2008 and of the Extraordinary meeting held on 12 November 2008 (attached).
- 4 Business arising.
- 5 Chairman's communications.
- 6 Leader's communications.
- 7 Matters arising from Committees-
 - i. Environment Committee, Minute E35 – to consider a recommendation on the arrangements for a joint committee to administer the Joint Parking Partnership now agreed with Braintree District Council and Colchester Borough Council.
 - ii. Environment Committee, Minute E36 – to consider a recommendation on the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy.
 - iii. Finance and Administration Committee, Minute FA27 – to consider recommendations on the Treasury Management Strategy.

- 8 To consider amendments to the Constitution required to be laid on the table until this meeting (to rename the Community Committee as 'Community and Housing Committee').
- 9 To consider a report on the Council's financial outlook (report to follow).
- 10 To consider a report recommending adoption of the new Freedom of Information model publication scheme.
- 11 To consider questions under Procedure Rule 8.2.
- 12 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

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