

Cabinet

Agenda

26th May, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY**, the **26TH MAY, 2005** at **1.45 P.M.**

The agenda will be :-

1. General

(1) Apologies.

(2) Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th April, 2005 and Matters Arising. (For exempt items see later on the Agenda).

(4) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

PART A - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (WHITE PAPERS)

2. Local Area Agreements

The report of the Chief Executive.

Local Area Agreements (LAAs) aim to give local authorities more leverage to join-up activities locally within the context of national priorities. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has now announced a second wave of 40 pilot areas to be developed and negotiated in the second half of 2005 for an April, 2006 start date. The Government Office for the West Midlands has requested local authorities to advise them if they wish to submit an expression of interest. The Cabinet is requested to endorse the proposal of the Chief Officers Management Team (COMT) to progress a Local Area Agreement for Warwickshire

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Recommendation

That Cabinet endorse COMT's proposal to progress a Local Area Agreement for Warwickshire

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3. Home to School Transport

The report of the Chair of the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Interim Report of the Home to School Task and Finish Group set up by the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report was considered by the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 10 March 2005.

Recommendation of the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

That the Cabinet approve that all school buses for primary and secondary school children should be suitably equipped with seatbelts and the Cabinet considers how this change may be implemented having regard to the financial resources available.

For further information please contact: Ann Mawdsley, Senior Committee Administrator Tel: 01926 418079, e-mail: annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Tricia Morrison, Corporate Review Officer Tel: 01926 736319, e-mail: triciamorrison@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Home to College Transport

The report of the Chair of the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Interim Report of the Home to College Task and Finish Group set up by the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report was considered by the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 10 March 2005.

Recommendation of the Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

That the Cabinet approve an increase in the charge for Post 16 Transport to £175 (per annum) from September 2005.

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5. Education Capital Issues – Seed Challenge Funding

The report of the County Education Officer.

This paper proposes the allocation of the 2005/06 Seed Challenge budget to a number of schools.

Recommendation:

That bids received for Seed Challenge support (listed in Appendix B of the report) be approved and that the remainder of the budget be retained for other bids received during the financial year.

For further information please contact: Jenny Andrews, Education Officer (Capital Programmes) Tel: 01926 412150, e-mail: jennyandrews@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. The Avon Valley School

The report of the County Education Officer.

Local member - Cllr Katherine King – Brownsover

This report details responses received following consultation to increase the admission number of Avon Valley School and seeks to support the school's Governing Body in issuing statutory notices.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the responses to the consultation on proposals to increase Avon Valley School's admission number be noted.
- (2) That Cabinet support the proposal.
- (3) Either

That, subject to the Governing Body of Avon Valley School making a determination to increase the size of the school to 1,100 pupils, the LEA support the Governing Body in publishing the necessary statutory notices.

or

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That, should the Governing Body of Avon Valley School not make such a determination to increase the size of the school to 1,100 pupils, further talks between the Governing Body and the LEA be authorised.

For further information please contact: Phil Aistle, Education Officer (School Organisation). Tel: 01926 412820, e-mail: philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. School Funding Consultation

The report of the County Education Officer and County Treasurer.

The report summarises the key issues arising from the Department for Education and Skills' consultation document entitled "Consultation on New School Funding Arrangements from 2006/07" and outlines a response to the consultation.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet retrospectively approve a response to the DfES publication Consultation on New School Funding Arrangements from 2006/07, based on a series of concerns expressed in paragraphs 2.4, 3.3 and 4.4 of this joint report.

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8. 'SMART Growth - Midlands Way' - Consultation

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The inter-regional document, 'SMART Growth: the Midlands Way', was launched at the Sustainable Communities Summit in February by the Regional Development Agencies for the East and West Midlands. The recommended response to the subsequent consultation reflects views expressed by both the Coventry Solihull Warwickshire Forum and Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership.

Recommendation

That Advantage West Midlands and the East Midlands Regional Development Agency be informed that Warwickshire County Council considers that its general support for the concept of 'SMART Growth - Midlands Way' could be expressed so long as the document is:-

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- (i) Progressed to demonstrate added value to, and does not detract from, the existing West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy and Regional Economic Strategy;

and also that it is

- (ii) Revised to address some of the more important housing, economic and transport cross boundary links between the two regions and the issues arising out of the Milton Keynes – South Midlands Growth Area proposals, particularly those critical to the Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Region.

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PART B - ITEMS FOR EN BLOC DECISIONS (YELLOW PAPERS)

9. Best Value Review of Traffic Management - The Final Report

The report of the Chair, Environment and Rural Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Environment and Rural Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 22 March 2005 considered a report by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy setting out the Final Report of the Best Value Review of Traffic Management including an Outline Service Improvement Plan. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Review and commended the Outline Service Improvement Plan to Cabinet for approval.

Recommendation

The Environment and Rural Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that Cabinet approve the Final Report of the Best Value Review of Traffic Management and the Outline Service Improvement Plan.

For further information please contact: Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator Tel: 01926 412476, e-mail: jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk

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10. School Term and Holiday Dates 2006/07

The report of the County Education Officer.

This report asks Cabinet to approve the school term and holiday dates for 2006/07.

Recommendation:

That the school term and holiday dates calendar for 2006/07 attached as Appendix A to the County Education Officer's report be adopted.

For further information please contact: Tony Brown, Education Officer (National and Local Initiatives). Tel: 01926 476993, e-mail: tonybrown@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Arts Service Key Clients

The report of the Director, Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards.

Recommendations for Partnership Agreements with, and funding for, key arts deliverers in the county.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet accepts the recommended allocation of funds to Arts Key Clients as stated in paragraph 4.

For further information please contact: Emma Andrews, Head of Arts Service

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12. Rugby Borough Local Plan – Re-Deposit Plan

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

This report updates Members on changes to Rugby Local Plan as it proceeds towards its Second Deposit Draft stage.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet endorses the officers' view in advising Rugby Borough Council that the Rugby Local Plan Review (Re-deposit Plan) is in general conformity with the Warwickshire Structure Plan 1996 to 2011 (WASP) provided that the text of the Plan is amended to reflect the comments at paragraph 2.4 of the report.

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For further information please contact: Suzanne Osborn, Tel. 01926 412538, e-mail: suzanneosborn@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. Warwick District Local Plan Revised Deposit Draft - Conformity with Warwickshire Structure Plan 1996 – 2011

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

Warwick District Council is required to obtain the County Council's view on the general conformity of the revised deposit draft of the new Local Plan review with the Structure Plan before it can be placed on deposit for public comment in June 2005. Cabinet is requested to authorise officers to write to the District Council advising them of this, and bring its attention to the other matters referred to in this report.

Recommendation

- (1) That the Warwick District Council be advised that the District Local Plan Revised Deposit Draft is in general conformity with the Warwickshire Structure Plan 1996 - 2011 (WASP).
- (2) That the District Council's attention be brought to the other matters referred to in this report, at paragraph 3.2 of the report.

For further information please contact: Heidi Antrobus. Tel. 01926 412391. E-mail heidiantrobus@warwickshire.gov.uk

14. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme was submitted to the Secretary of State on the 24th March 2005, in line with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The County Council has received confirmation from the Secretary of State advising that he will not be intervening and the scheme can now be 'brought into effect'.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to bring into effect the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme for Warwickshire on 9th June 2005.

For further information please contact: Pam Brown, Strategic Advisor (Spatial Planning). Tel: 01926 412061, e-mail: pambrown@warwickshire.gov.uk

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15. Any Other Items

which the Chair decides are urgent.

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

16. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

To consider passing a resolution excluding members of the public from the meeting for the agenda items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972. (NB. Copies of extracts describing exempt information are available in Warwickshire Libraries, the County Council Handbook and the Access to Information Register held in my office).

17. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th April, 2005 and Matters Arising.

18. Carers Service Tender

The report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

Following consultation with carers in accordance with the County's Strategy for Carers Action Plan approval is sought to embark on a Tender process to meet the needs identified for a service which enables carers to have a break by providing evening and overnight support in their own home.

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19. Avon Court – Evaluation and Tendering

The report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

Local member - Cllr Raj Randev

The Cabinet will consider a report which evaluates the impact of the re-opening of Avon Court Care Home since 17 December 2001 on the communities it serves. The report describes the reasons for the Avon Court development and focuses on the value for money, quality of care and service delivery provided.

In addition the report seeks agreement to enter into a further block

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purchase Service Contract.

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20. County Record Office Extension Project - Outturn Report

The report of the Director, Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards and the Director of Property Services.

Local members - Councillor Raj Randev, Councillor Marion Haywood,

The Cabinet will consider the final financial outturn of the Warwickshire County Record Office extension and refurbishment capital project.

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21. Education Capital Issues

The report of the County Education Officer.

This paper proposes an addition to the amount available for reorganising special educational needs in the North of the County, allocating part of the capital receipt for the former Michael Drayton School site to Hartshill School, and the sale of two small pieces of land currently forming part of the playing field for Canon Maggs C of E Junior School in Bedworth.

For further information please contact: Jenny Andrews, Education Officer (Capital Programmes) Tel: 01926 412150, e-mail:
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22. Nuneaton: Land at Attleborough Fields Owned by Nuneaton Rugby Football Club Limited

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor John Burton:

The Cabinet will consider a request from Nuneaton Rugby Football Club Limited to forego the County Council's right to a share in the increase in the value of land used for non-sporting purposes

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For further information please contact: Steve Grimes, Senior Estates Surveyor Tel: 01926 412047, e-mail: stevegrimes@warwickshire.gov.uk

23. Rugby: 21 Dunsmore Avenue - Former Grounds Maintenance Depot

The report of the Director of Property Services.

The Cabinet will consider declaring the property surplus to requirements and agreeing to its disposal on the open market.

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24. Proposed Disposal of Ground Leasehold Interest, Knight's Lane, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon - Update Report

The report of the Director Property Services.

Local member - Cllr Richard Hyde

This update report recommends the disposal in part of the County Council's smallholding land, Knight's Lane, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon

For further information please contact: David Halsall, Urban Estates Services. Tel: (019260 412510), e-mail: davidhalsall@warwickshire.gov.uk

25. Nuneaton: Disposal of Land at Roanne Ringway Area

The joint report of the Director of Property Services and the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The Cabinet will consider certain land transactions following the construction of Roanne Ringway, Nuneaton.

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