

Cabinet

Agenda

16 June, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **THURSDAY, 16 June 2005** at **1.45 P.M.**

The agenda will be :

1. General

(1) Apologies for absence.

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

Members are reminded that they should disclose 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 17 May 2005.

(4) Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 May 2005 and Matters Arising. (For exempt items see later on the agenda).

(5) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

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

2. Report of the Independent Chair on the Review of Older People's Services

This report presents the first report of the independent chair- Dame Yve Buckland- who has chaired the Strategic Review of Older People's Services. Dame Yve Buckland will give a presentation on the findings of the review.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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Recommendations (from the Chief Executive)

- (1) That Cabinet receives the first report from Dame Yve Buckland in relation to the Strategic Review of Older People's Services
- (2) That Cabinet asks the Chief Executive to develop appropriate proposals for implementation.

For further information please contact Martin Lake, Principal Review Officer, Tel. 01926 418090, Corporate Review Officer, Chief Executive's Department. e-mail:martinlake@warwickshire.gov.uk

3. Best Value Performance Report 2005/06

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the attached Best Value Performance Report for 2005-2006 for publication on 30 June 2005.

For further information please contact Colin Gordon, Corporate Performance Officer, Tel 01926 412559
E-mail:colingordon@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Education Capital Issues

Local Members: Councillors Raj Randev, Richard Hyde, Mike Perry, Gordon Collett, Pat Henry, Barry Longden and Brian Moss

Report of the County Education Officer

This report seeks approval to additions to the capital programme for Early Years provision in Leamington and Warwick.

Recommendations

- (1) That the following amounts be added to the County's capital programme for 2005/06:

Sure Start Leamington projects	£1,000,000
Warwick Nursery School (subject to confirmation of grants)	£89,500

- (2) That the 2005/06 minor works budget be allocated as outlined in paragraph 2 of the County Education Officer's report.

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5. Amendment to Indicated Admission Number- Stratford High School

Local Members: Councillors Richard Hyde and Mike Perry.

Report of the County Education Officer.

Following publication of statutory notices, approval is sought to amending the Indicated Admission Number of Stratford High School.

Recommendation

That the Indicated Admission Number of Stratford High School be increased to 240 pupils per year with effect from September 2006 admissions.

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

6. Whitnash Nursery School and Sure Start, Leamington – Capital Project

Local Member: Councillor Mota Singh

Report of the Sure Start Policy Panel. (The Sure Start Policy Panel was in existence in the former Council and the membership was Councillors Dot Webster (Chair of Panel), Sarah Boad and Helen McCarthy).

This report outlines the capital proposal for the development at Whitnash Nursery School in partnership with Sure Start, Leamington, in order to develop into a Children's Centre.

Recommendation

That Cabinet endorse the outline proposals for capital build on the Whitnash Nursery School site in partnership with Sure Start, Leamington, and agree that the 2005/06 capital programme be increased by £190,500 with the funding to be met by grant of £125,500 and £65,000 from Whitnash Nursery.

For further information please contact: Elizabeth Featherstone, Assistant County Education Officer, Tel 01926 412151. E-mail:[elizabeth featherstone@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.featherstone@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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7. 'SPARK' Annex E Major Scheme Bid

Local Members sent briefing pack: All Warwick Area Committee Members

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

This report outlines a proposal to submit an 'Annex E Major Scheme Bid' along side the Council's Local Transport Plan submission in July 2005. The bid is for funding to support the implementation of an improved and fully integrated public transport network in Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash area. The scheme is known as 'SPARK' and will focus on the co-ordinated promotion and provision of heavy rail and bus services.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the submission of a public transport based Annex E Major Scheme Bid to the Department of Transport for funding to support the delivery of the 'SPARK' scheme outlined in the report.

For further information please contact Mike Waters, Team Leader- Traffic Studies and Modelling, Tel 01926 735668
E-mail:michaelwaters@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Rail Skills and Investment Partnership

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

This report proposes a partnership to assist with the increase in the amount of rail related work undertaken by the department. Any rail projects undertaken by the County Council need active rail industry support and technical expertise. Creating a partnership with an organisation that has the relevant skills and who may be willing to invest in County Council sponsored rail projects will be of benefit to the County Council and the travelling public.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet approves the principle of a partnership with a specialist provider of rail based technical skills and investment and authorises the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy to use a competitive tender process to identify a suitable partner.
- (2) That a further report be brought to Cabinet as soon as practicable regarding the outcome of the tender process and vying recommendations as to the advisability of proceeding with the partnership.

For further information please contact: Lee White, Senior Transport Planner, Tel 01926 735671 e-mail:leewhite@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

9. Design Services Partnering Contract

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

The existing partnering arrangement with Arup expires in June 2006. The agreement to provide professional design and other services as required has been a success and therefore, it is intended to again procure the services of a partner when the current agreement expires. Cabinet are invited to approve the principle of letting a new agreement.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the principle of letting a new partnering agreement with a consultant engineering firm to provide professional design and other services, as required, and the use of a competitive tendering process to identify a suitable partner.

For further information please contact: Brian Follett, Group Manager, Tel 01926 412094. E-mail: brianfollett@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. Library Refurbishment Programme

Local Member: Councillor Nina Knapman

Report of the Director of Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards

The report proposes approval to additional expenditure incurred on the library refurbishment programme.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the planned additional expenditure of £96,000 on the Library Refurbishment programme as identified in the report.

For further information please contact: Paul Walsh, Financial Services Manager, Tel 01926 412849 e-mail: paulwalsh@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. RYOGENS Information System

Report of the Chief Executive and Head of Youth Offending Service

RYOGENS is an electronic information sharing system, enabling any agency using the system to identify and log concerns about children and young people. Warwickshire has operated as lead authority on this ODPM funded project since May 2003. ODPM is now offering ownership to Warwickshire County Council.

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Recommendation

That Cabinet approve the recommendation for Warwickshire, subject to ODPM funding, to manage a process of transfer of the ownership of RYOGENS information sharing system from the ODPM to the software provider. This will require Warwickshire to take ownership of the product for a short, time limited period.

For further information please contact: Diane Johnson, Head of Youth Offending Service Tel 01926 736204.

12. A Code for the Future

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report advises the Cabinet of the Standards Board for England consultation on the Members Code of Conduct and suggests a possible response to the issues raised. It also sets out the views of the Standards Committee.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet considers the issues raised in the consultation paper and approves/amends the suggested response.

For further information please contact Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor, Tel 01926 412565, e-mail: janepollard@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. 2004/05 Backward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement and Quality Crosscheck

Report of the County Treasurer.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet agree the 2004/2005 Backward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement for 2004/2005 as attached at Appendix A (as updated).
- (2) That Cabinet notes the indicators chosen as the quality crosschecks for the authority as highlighted in Appendix B (as updated).

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14. Instrument of Government for new Kingsbury Primary School opening in September 2005

Local Member: Councillor Brian Moss

Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the draft instrument of government for Kingsbury Primary School as described in the County Education Officer's report.

For further information please contact Mary Aitken, Governor Support Officer, tel 01926 412115, e-mail: maryaitken@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Instrument of Government for new federated Oak Wood Primary and Oak Wood Secondary Community Special Schools opening in September 2005

Local Member: Councillor June Tandy

Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the draft instrument of government for the new federated Oak Wood Primary and Oak Wood Secondary Community Special Schools in Nuneaton as described in the County Education Officer's report.

For further information please contact Mary Aitken, Governor Support Officer, tel 01926 412115, e-mail: maryaitken@warwickshire.gov.uk

16. Any Other Items

To consider any other items that the Chair decides are urgent.

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

17. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

To consider passing the following resolution

That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7,8 and 9 the Local Government Act 1972.

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(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).

18. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26 May 2005 and Matters Arising.

19. Kenilworth: 39-45 Warwick Road – Lease Renewal

Local Member: Councillor John Whitehouse

Report of the Director of Property Services

To consider renewal of a lease.

For further information please contact: Ian Dawson, Senior Estates Surveyor, Tel 01926 412368 , e-mail: ilandawson@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Non-voting Invitees - Councillor June Tandy (**Leader of the Labour Group**)
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(**Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group**) cllrroodhouse@warwickshire.gov.uk
or their representatives.

General Enquiries: Please contact Pete Keeley, Member Services, Chief Executive's Department, Tel: 01926 412450
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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

The reports are available in large print if requested.

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