

Cabinet

Agenda

30th June, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **THURSDAY, 30TH 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 the 16th June 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. Development of the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan

The report of the Chief Executive

To report progress on development of the second Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan and gather members views on this proposed Plan

Recommendation

That Cabinet:

(1) Notes progress on the development of the second Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan

(2) Offers any comment on the draft Warwickshire Strategic Partnership

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Plan

- (3) Agrees to the recommendations from Leaders Liaison Group:-
- (i) Warwickshire County Council Member comments be received by the end of July 2005
 - (ii) Consultation with partners be extended over the summer period
 - (iii) The County Leaders Group is asked to agree the final plan at their meeting in the autumn.
 - (iv) Improvements are made to the presentation style of the Plan.

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3. Local Councils' Charter

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

The Cabinet is asked to adopt the Local Councils' Charter, which is a protocol to guide the relationship between the principal councils (County and District) and the local councils (Parish and Town) in Warwickshire. The Charter is attached as an Appendix to the report

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to adopt The Local Council's Charter

For further information please contact: John Lyons, Community Development Coordinator. Tel: 01926 746824, e-mail: johnlyons@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Social Inclusion Strategy

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

The Cabinet is asked to approve the Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-2008, which develops the new way of working on social inclusion issues, agreed by the Cabinet in October 2003

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to agree the Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-2008

For further information please contact: John Lyons, Community Development Coordinator, Tel: 01926 746824, e-mail:

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5. Establishment of Policy Panels

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

To consider the establishment of panels.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet consider the question of Policy Panels and ask the Leader and the Chief Executive to consult on proposals for consideration at a future meeting as soon as possible.

For further information please contact: Janet Purcell, Member Services Manager. Tel: 01926 412320, e-mail: janetpurcell@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Warwickshire Provisional Local Transport Plan 2005

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

The County Council has a statutory responsibility to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The LTP sets out the County's Transport Strategy, and provides the framework for how transport and accessibility will be improved across Warwickshire over the next five years. Cabinet is invited to approve the Provisional LTP including funding proposals for submission to the Department for Transport, and for a public consultation exercise prior to the submission of the Final LTP in March 2006.

Recommendation

That Cabinet:-

- (1) Approves the Provisional Local Transport Plan (LTP) for submission to the Department for Transport and for public consultation.
- (2) Authorises the Director of Planning Transport and Economic Strategy to make minor adjustments and/or additions to the Provisional LTP prior to submission to the Department for Transport and public consultation.
- (3) Notes the implications of the LTP Air Quality Strategy and agree to work with the relevant District/Borough Councils to draw up and implement a series of Air Quality Management Action Plans.
- (4) Supports the inclusion of self financing Prudential Borrowing within the LTP Delivery Strategy as the proposed method of funding the

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introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Rugby and Warwick Areas.

- (5) Supports the draft allocation of resources set out in the LTP and reproduced in Appendix C of the report.

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7. Regional Housing Strategy

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

The essence of the response to the consultation on the draft Regional Housing Strategy that Cabinet is being asked to endorse is that:-

- (1) The time allowed for consultation is inadequate.
- (2) The proposed use of 'housing market areas', cutting across established voluntary sub-regional arrangements (e.g. CSW), threatens to drive a wedge between housing and planning/transport/economic policy and implementation.
- (3) The high priority attached to social housing investment in the northern parts of the County and to affordable new-build housing in the southern parts of the County are to be welcomed.
- (4) The estimates of affordable housing need in the RHS are inconsistent with the basis for housing targets set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy and are therefore indicative of need rather than a robust basis for planning and delivery.
- (5) It is unclear how the allocation of funding favouring the 'decent homes' initiative paramount in urban areas will be balanced with the priority now being attached to delivery of new-build social housing in rural areas.

Recommendation

That the response to the consultation on the Draft Regional Housing Strategy, detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 (inc) of the Director's report and already conveyed to the West Midlands Regional Housing Board and the West Midlands Regional Housing Partnership, be endorsed.

For further information please contact: Andy Cowan, Strategy Advisor
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8. Central Warwickshire and Southam : Area Review of 14-19 Provision

The report of the County Education Officer

The LSC and LEA have jointly undertaken a review of 14-19 provision in Central Warwickshire and Southam. The outcome of the review is presented in this report.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet consider and comment on the outcome of the Review of 14-19 provision in Central Warwickshire and Southam carried out jointly by the Local Learning and Skills Council and the County Council.
- (2) That the comments of the Cabinet and the Warwick Area Committee be forwarded to the Local Learning and Skills Council.
- (3) That a further report be made to a future meeting of the Warwick Area Committee on the draft Action Plan prepared in response to the Area Review.

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9. Corporate AMP Property Performance Indicator Report

The report of the Director of Property Services .

The Cabinet is asked to approve the Asset Management Plan Property Performance Indicators, taking into account any observations which may be reported orally from COMT, subject to any necessary last-minute amendments the Director of Property Services might deem necessary in consultation with the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder

Recommendation

That the Cabinet

- (1) approves the Corporate AMP Property Performance Indicator Report at Appendix A to the report.
- (2) agrees that in the event of any last-minute amendments being necessary, they be made by the Director of Property Services in consultation with the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder.

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For further information please contact: Rebecca Couch, Asset Management Plan Coordinator. Tel: 01926 746824, e-mail: rebeccacouch@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

10. Education Capital Issues

The report of the County Education Officer

The paper recommends an increase in the resources available for two building projects at The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School, Hatton, and St. Nicholas C of E Primary School, Alcester, with the necessary finance coming from existing budgets.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the cost of the capital project at The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School, Hatton, be increased from £140,000 to £157,000, with the additional resources being taken from the underspend on Milverton Primary School.
- (2) That the cost of the project at St. Nicholas C of E Primary School, Alcester, be increased to £2,755,000, with the additional resources being obtained from sources listed in para. 2.3 of the County Education Officer's report.

For further information please contact: Jenny Andrews, Education Officer (Capital Programmes). Tel: 01926 412051, e-mail: jennyandrews@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Warwickshire County Council Implementing Electronic Government Statements 4.5

The report of the Director of Contract and Management Services.

In common with other local authorities, Warwickshire County Council is required by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) to submit an Implementing Electronic Government (IEG) Return for Mid Term 2005 (IEG 4.5) by 18th July 2005.

The report asks Cabinet to delegate responsibility to the Director of Contract and Management Services to produce and submit the return in consultation with the Leaders Liaison Group.

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Recommendation

That the Cabinet delegate formal responsibility to the Director of Contract and Management Services to produce and submit the IEG 4.5 return in consultation with the Leaders Liaison Group by 18th July.

For further information please contact: Tonino Ciuffini, e-Government & Strategy Manager. Tel: 01926 412879 E-mail toninociuffini@warwickshire.gov.uk :

12. Licensing Act 2003 – Trading Standards

The report of the Director of Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards and the Director of Social Care and Health.

The Cabinet is requested to authorise the Trading Standards Service to make representations regarding licence applications in the County and to request reviews of existing licences.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to authorise the Director of Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards (and his nominated representatives) to make representations in response to applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 and to request reviews of licences granted under the Act.

For further information please contact: Anthea J Davies, Assistant Head of Trading Standards. Tel: 01926 414063, e-mail: antheadavies@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. Statement of Community Involvement for Minerals & Waste Development Frameworks

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

An outline of the process to adopt the Statement of Community Involvement and a request to approve its content.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet approves:-

- (1) The draft Statement of Community Involvement for 6 weeks public consultation and participation commencing during July 2005.
- (2) The steering arrangements for progressing Minerals and Waste

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Development Plan Documents as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report.

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

14. Draft “Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan” for Warwickshire

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

The County Council is required to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. It will include principles to guide the work of the Countryside Access Team over the next ten years. A draft Plan has been compiled following extensive research and consultation with the public, users, landowners, local authorities and town and parish councils.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet authorises the Director of Planning Transport and Economic Strategy, to prepare and publish pursuant to section 61(2) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 a Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan and to take all other steps required to facilitate the consideration and adoption of such a plan following completion of the consultation described in Section 5 of this report.

For further information please contact: Martin Fry, Countryside Access Manager. Tel: 01926 413431 e-mail: martinfry@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

16. 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.

(NB. Copies of extracts describing exempt information are available in

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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 16th June 2005 and Matters Arising.

18. Southam College: Former Caretaker's Bungalow

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor J.Appleton: Agrees

Approval is sought to disposing of this surplus property on the open market.

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