Cabinet

Agenda

21st July, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **THURSDAY**, **21**ST **JULY 2005** at **10.00 A.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 30th 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. Composite Performance Report 2004/05 (April 2004 – March 2005) and Key Messages from Public Consultation.

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report provides an analysis of the Council's performance for the full year 2004/05 (the period 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2005) as part of the Performance Management Framework. It reports on performance against the key actions from the Corporate Business Plan, Corporate Headline Indicators (CHIs) and Key Messages from Public Consultation under the six Corporate Objectives.



Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet note the contents of the report and note that full year reports from individual departments will be reported to relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- (2) That Cabinet identify any aspects of performance where they believe there is potential to improve and consider the performance issues raised in the report that may require attention.
- (3) That Cabinet note the Key Messages from Public Consultation identified in the report.

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3. 2004/2005 Final Revenue Outturn

The report of the County Treasurer.

The final revenue spending of the Council in 2004/2005 was £454.955 million. This represents a £9.335 million service underspend compared to the latest approved budget of £464.290 million (excluding contributions to and from the Capital Fund). The report provides a summary of the overall position, with the details of individual service spending in the attached appendices.

Recommendations

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the 2004/2005 final revenue spending and the reserves position at the year-end.
- (2) Approve the recommendation of the County Treasurer not to transfer any funds to general reserves in respect of departmental carryforwards.
- (3) Approve the use of £2,920,000 of TSF funds in 2005/2006.
- (4) Note the reduction of £419,000 in the 2005/2006 budget for Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy and £147,000 for Social Services to repay their overdrawn reserves at the year end.
- (5) Approve the use of £2,526,000 service savings to support the 2005/2006 Revenue Budget as outlined in the report.
- (6) Approve the use of £55,000 of general reserves in 2005/2006 to repay the overdrawn balance at the year end in respect of the Children's Act Project Team, the underwriting of which was initially approved by Council on 16th September 2004 up to a maximum of £204,000.



(7) Note the reclassification of the Social Services reserve for the refund of charges in respect of client aftercare of £250,000 to a provision & agree the consequential accounting transactions.

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4. Capital Outturn 2004/2005

The report of the County Treasurer.

This report identifies 2004/5 capital spending and how it is financed. The report shows how capital spending has changed since the last report to Cabinet on 13th January 2005 and asks Cabinet to agree the carry forward of funding resources into 2005/6.

Recommendation

That Cabinet notes the 2004/5 outturn capital expenditure of £74.378 million, detailed in Table 1 of the report, and its financing (Table 2), and agrees the carry over of £7.981 million surplus funding resources into 2005/6 needed to fund the existing capital programme.

For further information please contact: Charles Holden, Capital Accountant. Tel: 01926 412092, e-mail: charlesholden@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Statement of Accounts and Statement on Internal Control 2004/2005

This report presents the Statement of Accounts and Statement on Internal Control for 2004/2005 and provides an explanatory note of the key issues.

Recommendation

That Cabinet recommend that Council approve the draft Statement of Accounts and Statement on Internal Control for 2004/2005.

For further information please contact Joanna Rhodes, Deputy County Treasurer, Tel: 01926 412245, e-mail joannarhodes@warwickshire.gov.uk or Andrew Lovegrove, Group Accountant. Tel: 01926 416811, e-mail andrewlovegrove@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. 2006/2007 Budget Process

The report of the County Treasurer.

The report seeks member's approval to the suggested budget process for 2006/2007.



Recommendation

Members are asked to comment on and approve the 2006/2007 budget process as outlined in paragraph 5.3 of the report.

For further information please contact: David Clarke, County Treasurer Tel: 01926 412003, e-mail: davidclarketr@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Virginia Rennie, Group Accountant, Tel: 01926 412239, e-mail: virginiarennie@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. 2006/2007 Budget - Available Revenue Resources

The report of the County Treasurer

The report provides members with the first indication of the likely level of revenue resources available for 2006/7 and provides an initial forecast of resources for the following two years.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the forecast 2006/7 Formula Spending Share of £495.967 million, and the resultant government support of £328.219 million.
- (2) Note the projected resource implications of setting a 2006/7 council tax at various levels, as outlined in paragraph 5.4 below.
- (3) Note the implications of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2004 and the introduction of the Dedicated Schools Grant in the medium term as outlined in section 9 of the report.
- (4) Agree to inform our local Members of Parliament of the forecast resource position for the County Council over the medium term.

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8. Adult and Community Learning Development Plan 2005/08

The report of the County Education Officer.

All Local Authority Adult Education Services funded by the Learning and Skills Council are required annually to draw up Adult and Community Learning Development Plans for a rolling three-year period. This plan builds on the work carried out through previous plans.



Recommendation:

That the Cabinet endorses the Adult and Community Learning Development Plan for the period August 2005 to July 2008 and recommends the Plan for adoption by the Council.

For further information please contact: Peter Sutton, Head of the Adult and Community Learning Service. Tel: 01926 738574, e-mail: petersutton@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Nick Gower-Johnson, Education Officer (Community Learning / Special Projects) Tel: 01926 736376, e-mail: nickgower@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Strategic Review of Services for Young People – Progress report

The joint report of the Chief Executive, the County Education Officer and the Director of Social Care & Health.

This report summarises progress to date since the Cabinet decision on 24th February 2005 to establish a co-ordinated service for young people, which would bring together existing services in the context of the Children Act.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet note the contents of the Joint Report, which describes the progress made since Cabinet's decisions on 24th February 2005.
- (2) That Cabinet agree that further discussion should take place concerning the location of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and Children's Area Risk Management (CHARM) pending the further reorganisation of services in the context of the Children Act and to support the general direction of travel of the establishment of the new service.

For further information please contact: David Carter, Assistant Chief Executive. Tel: 01926 412564, e-mail: davidcarter@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Eric Wood, County Education Officer, Tel: 01926 412495, e-mail: ericwood@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. Education Capital Issues

The report of the County Education Officer.

Local members - Cllr Jose Compton – Leek Wootton

- Cllr Raj Randev Warwick West
- Cllr David Booth Kineton

This paper proposes arrangements for handling Seed Challenge allocations, asks for a decision on the use of proceeds of sale from the former Lapworth C



of E Junior and Infant School, seeks agreement to funding for an all-weather pitch at Aylesford School and a feasibility study for Kineton High School.

Recommendations:

- (1) That a decision on the allocation of Seed Challenge funding be made either by a sub group of the Capital Strategy Group during the summer term,
 - or by Cabinet in September 2005.
- (2) That the proceeds of sale from the old school building at Lapworth either be claimed by the County,

or remain with the Lapworth Education Foundation to enable them to continue to support Lapworth C of E Primary School,

subject to an agreement being completed with the Trustees of the school on terms acceptable to the County Education Officer and the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive governing the Trustees' use of the proceeds and making provision for the proceeds to be claimed by the Council in the event of any subsequent disposal of the current school premises.

- (3) That a project to provide an all-weather pitch at Aylesford School, Warwick, be added to the 2005/06 Education capital programme at a cost of £470,000 using resources identified in the County Education Officer's report.
- (4) That a feasibility study be undertaken into the possible replacement of Kineton High School.

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

11. Programme of Meetings

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

The report seeks approval to a programme of meetings for 2006/07.

Recommendations

- (1) That the programme of meetings for 2006/07 (Appendix A of the report) be agreed.
- (2) That the current programme of meetings for 2005/06 (Appendix B) be amended/endorsed.



(3) That additional member seminars be scheduled for times/days, as described in the report.

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

12. Adult Services Green Paper: Independence, Wellbeing and Choice

The report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

The Cabinet is asked to consider a response to the Government's Green Paper on Adult Social Care -Independence, Well-being and Choice – which relates to proposals for the future direction of social care for adults in England.

Recommendation

Members of Cabinet are requested to:

- (1) Note the consultation processes currently underway in relation to the Green Paper.
- (2) Agree the response to be sent to the Department of Health, which will be compiled as soon as possible after a consultation exercise with elected members to be held on 14th July 2005.

For further information please contact: John Bull, Head of Adult Services Tel: 01926 2438, e-mail: johnbull@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

13. One Stop Shop - Update on Locations for Pilot Phase

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

In September 2004 the County and District Councils decided to pilot One Stop Shops. The original budget agreed has not been sufficient to complete the programme but proposals are included in this report to accommodate the overall objectives.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to agree to all three schemes progressing based on the revised funding proposals outlined in the report.

For further information please contact: Noel Hunter, Director, Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards. Tel: 01926 412166, e-mail: noelhunter@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Kushal Birla, Head of Library & Information Service. Tel: 01926 412862, e-mail: kushalbirla@warwickshire.gov.uk



14. Bookstart Project

Report of the Director of Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards.

Warwickshire Bookstart, previously known as Babies Need Books, is part of the national Bookstart Project. It is a partnership project between Education and Libraries, managed by the Library and Information Service. All materials are funded centrally by the DfES and Bookstrust, with the administration costs funded locally. This paper requests the release of funds approved in February 2004 to meet increased costs due to government legislation.

Recommendation

That Cabinet is asked to approve the virement of £10,000 for the Warwickshire Bookstart Project from Other Services to Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards from 2005/2006 on an on-going basis.

For further information please contact Ayub Khan, Quality and Operations Manager. Tel: 01926 412657, e-mail ayubkhan@warwickshire.gov.uk or Kushal Birla, Head of Library & Information Service. Tel: 01926 412862, e-mail kushalbirla@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Race Equality Scheme 2005-08

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report explains the requirement for the County Council to have a Race Equality Scheme and ask s cabinet to approve the second edition of the Scheme covering the period from 2008 to 2008.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to approve the Race Equality Scheme 2005-08, in line with the Council's statutory duty to promote race equality and eliminate racial discrimination

For further information please contact: Arun Kang, Corporate policy Advisor. Tel: 01926 746811, e-mail: arunkang@warwickshire.gov.uk

16. Value for Money Strategy

The report of the County Treasurer.

Report requesting Cabinet approve the Value for Money Strategy

Recommendation

Cabinet are asked to approve the Value for Money Strategy



For further information please contact: David Clarke, County Treasurer Tel: 01926 412003, e-mail: davidclarketr@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. PSA1 Reward Monies

The report of the County Treasurer.

Report to Cabinet proposing the utilisation of the unallocated PSA reward money.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Cabinet recommend the County Council to utilise the unallocated PSA reward money as follows

- (1) £186,000 to District Councils;
- (2) £493,263 to PTES to fund the work needed to investigate the options for delivering the waste management strategy and meeting any costs for the Authority from the delayed introduction of the WEEE Directive.

For further information please contact: David Clarke, County Treasurer. Tel: 1926 412003, e-mail davidclarketr@warwickshire.gov.uk

18. Constitution of a temporary governing body for the new Community Special School in North Warwickshire

The report of the County Education Officer.

Local member - Cllr Peter Fowler - Coleshill

The Education Authority needs to establish a temporary governing body for the new Community Special School in North Warwickshire, following approval of its proposal to close Blythe and Sparrowdale Special Schools.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the arrangements described in the County Education Officer's report for the constitution of a temporary governing body for the new Community Special School in North Warwickshire.

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

19. Change to the Indicated Admission Number of Whitestone Infant School

The report of the County Education Officer.

Local member - Cllr John Ross – Bulkington



Cabinet is asked to approve formal consultation with stakeholders on proposals to reduce the Indicated Admission Number of Whitestone Infant School in Nuneaton.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet authorise the County Education Officer to consult stakeholders on proposals to reduce the Indicated Admission Number of Whitestone Infant School from 120 pupils per year to 90 pupils per year from September 2007 admissions.

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

20. Constitution of the School Admissions Forum

The joint report of the County Education Officer and County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

The Forum was established by the County Council in 2003, with brief terms of reference. The report proposes a more formal constitution.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet approve the new constitution for the School Admissions Forum (at Appendix A to the report) with immediate effect.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Assistant County Tel: 01926 412887, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Alison Hallworth, Senior Solicitor. Tel: 01926 476702, e-mail: alisonhallworth@warwickshire.gov.uk

21. Corporate Capital Strategy

The report of the County Treasurer

The Capital Strategy is an integral part of the annual budget setting process and provides a strategic basis for the authority's decisions on capital investment. It is a long-term plan to provide the infrastructure to meet the Council's objectives. The strategy shows how the authority is prioritising, targeting and measuring the performance of the capital programme.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet approve the Capital Strategy.

For further information please contact: Virginia Rennie, Group Accountant Tel: 01926 412239, e-mail: virginia.rennie@warwickshire.gov.uk



22. Corporate Property Strategy Framework 2005

The report of the Director of Property Services.

The Corporate Property Strategy Framework 2005 updates the 2003 version, and identifies possible accommodation issues as part of the Modernisation Agenda for Warwickshire.

Recommendation

That the Corporate Property Strategy Framework 2005, as set out in this report, be adopted as part of the Modernisation Agenda for Warwickshire.

For further information please contact: Peter Ridley, Director of Property Tel: (01926) 412137, e-mail: peterridley@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Rebecca Couch, AMP Co-ordinator/Office. Tel: (01925) 412354, e-mail: rebeccacouch@warwickshire.gov.uk

23. Various Developer Funded Roads Schemes

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

The report seeks Cabinet approval to add the projects to the 2005/2006 capital programme.

Recommendation

That the four capital projects identified in paragraphs 2 to 5 of the report be included in the 2005/2006 capital programme at an estimated cost of £935,000 subject to a S.278 Agreement being signed with each developer and that the scheme at Shipston Road, Stratford referred to in paragraph 6 below be included in the 2005/2006 capital programme at a cost of £250,000.

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24. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)



25. 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 Warwickshire Libraries, the County Council Handbook and the Access to Information Register held in my office).

26. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th June 2005 and Matters Arising.

27. Farm Waste Scheme Funding - Dunchurch: Homestead Farm - Sale of Farmhouse

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Gordon Collett.

Agreement is sought to disposing of the holding on the open market and reserving part of the capital receipt to fund major farm effluent schemes during the present financial year.

For further information please contact: Paul Rhodes, Rural Estates Services. Tel: 01926 412699, e-mail: paulrhodes@warwickshire.gov.uk

28. The Avon Valley School

The joint report of the Director of Property Services and the County Education Officer.

Local member - Cllr John Wells:

The report relates to the procurement and construction of the new School and recommends a preferred contractor.

For further information please contact: Steve Smith, Development Manager.

Tel: 01926 412320, e-mail: stevesmith@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Jenny Andrews, Education Officer – Capital Programme. Tel: 01926 412510, e-mail: jennyandrews@warwickshire.gov.uk



29. Wolston: North Lodge Farm Cottage - Proposed Sale

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Heather Timms

Agreement is sought to declaring the property surplus to requirements and selling it on the open market.

For further information please contact: Paul Rhodes, Rural Estates Services. Tel: 01926 412699, e-mail: paulrhodes@warwickshire.gov.uk

30. Warwickshire and Rugby Business Improvement District (BID) Pilot

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

The purpose of a BID is to provide services over and above those normally provided by the public sector that will improve the BID area economically, environmentally and socially. Service standards are determined locally through Partnership working and consultation. They are then costed and the resources to deliver the BID are determined before the BID proposal goes to a vote of business ratepayers in the BID area.

The Rugby BID Pilot is moving towards the voting stage. The County Council has a number of properties where more votes are eligible, and needs to consider how this is managed.

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Councillor Alan Cockburn (Corporate Services), cllrcockburn@warwickshire.gov.uk

Councillor Peter Fowler (Family Services), cllrfowler@warwickshire.gov.uk

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Adult and Community Services), cllrhayfield@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Councillor Richard Hobbs (Community Safety), cllrhobbs@warwickshire.gov.uk

Councillor Chris Saint (Economic Development), cllrsaint@warwickshire.gov.uk

Councillor Izzi Seccombe (Childrens Services), cllrmrsseccombe@warwickshire.gov.uk

Councillor Bob Stevens (Performance Management), cllrstevens@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

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The reports are available in large print if requested.