

Cabinet

Agenda

8 September, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 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 21st July 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. Projected 2005/2006 Revenue Net Spend as at Quarter 1

Report of the County Treasurer.

The report sets out the projected 2005/06 revenue net spend position and the projected reserves at year-end. It also suggests management action to try to ensure that spending remains within budget and action relating to the use of reserves.

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Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- (1) Note the projected 2005/06 revenue net spend position and the projected reserves at year-end, and requests departments to take appropriate management action to try to ensure that spending remains within budget.
- (2) Approve the contributions to and use of reserves totalling a net use of £402,000 in 2005/06 as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

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or: Andrew Filby, Corporate Budget Accountant Tel: 01926 412860, e-mail:
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3. School Funding Consultation – An update

Joint report of the County Education Officer and County Treasurer.

The report summarises action taken since the last report to Cabinet on 26th May 2005 on school funding and also highlights some new issues arising from the DfES's second consultation document on School Funding Arrangements from 2006/07. The report also outlines a suggested framework for a response to the second consultation.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- (1) note the success of the lobbying campaign on the Dedicated Schools Grant
- (2) approve a framework for responding to the DfES second consultation on the School Funding Arrangements (as outlined in section 7 of the Joint Report).

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4. Forecast of Available Capital Resources 2006/07 to 2008/09

Report of the County Treasurer.

The report provides members with a forecast of the likely level of capital resources available for 2006/07 to 2008/09 that can be used as a basis for developing the capital programme.

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Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- (1) note the likely level of capital resources available for 2006/07 to 2008/09,
- (2) refer the report to the political groups for consideration when preparing their budget resolutions for 2006/07, and
- (3) support the issuing of guideline limits for bids for new capital schemes of £5 million a year for each department, in addition to the government guidelines.

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

5. Taking forward the Customer Focus Agenda - WCC Customer Standards Charter

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report provides Cabinet with the revised Customer Standards Charter for their approval

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- (1) Approve the revised Customer Standards Charter
- (2) Note the proposals for promotion and customer care training

For further information please contact: Renata Conduit, Policy Assistant
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6. Funding for the Setting Up of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement.

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

This report requests approval for self financing borrowing from the Warwickshire County Council 'Virtual Bank' to expend the necessary funding for the implementation of the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough and the initial costs in 2005/2006 for Rugby Borough and Warwick District.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet approve an allocation from the 'Virtual Bank' reserves to the Department of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy of £1.04m in 2005/2006 to fund Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in the Borough of

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Nuneaton and Bedworth and the initial costs in this financial year for Rugby Borough and Warwick District. This is to be self-financing over a five year period and subject to the agreement of the application by the Chief Officers Management Team.

- (2) That the County Council agrees that the County Treasurer approaches the Authorities external auditors in relation to the purchase of pay and display machines being charged as capital expenditure.
- (3) That Cabinet agree that the Virtual Bank loan be repaid in five equal instalments starting in 2006/2007.

For further information please contact: Graham Greenwood, Project Manager, Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement. Tel. 01926 412142, e-mail grahamgreenwood@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Warwickshire Youth Offending Service

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report introduces the objectives of the annual Youth Justice Plan, performance during 2004 and priorities/objectives for 2005/06. Cabinet is asked to endorse Warwickshire's Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 and recommend that it be adopted by the Council. (The Council will consider this at its meeting on 20 September 2005).

Recommendation

That Cabinet endorse the Warwickshire Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 and recommend it to Council for adoption.

For further information please contact: Diane Johnson. Tel: 01926 736204.

8. Modernisation and Development of Registration Services in Warwickshire

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

The report summarises the impact of recent scheme changes in Warwickshire, the development of non-statutory services and the civil partnership services to be offered from December 2005.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet note the impact of the Registration Service Scheme change in May 2005.
- (2) That Cabinet note and approve the plans for the introduction of Civil Partnerships in December 2005.

- (3) That Cabinet note and approve the plans to extend the range of non-statutory services offered by Registration Services in Warwickshire.

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9. Ofsted Inspection of Youth Service

Report of the County Education Officer.

Ofsted published its report in late July following their Inspection of Warwickshire's Youth Service from 23rd to 26th May 2005. This report presents the Ofsted Report and recommends that the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider an Action Plan to address the recommendations contained within the Ofsted Report, before submission to the Cabinet.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Ofsted Inspection Report be noted and all staff in the service be thanked for their considerable input into the inspection process
- (2) That an Action Plan addressing the recommendations contained within the Ofsted Inspection Report be presented to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

For further information please contact: Peter Hatcher, Principal Youth and Community Officer. Tel: 01926 738570, e-mail:
peterhatcher@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. Education Capital Issues

Report of the County Education Officer

This paper proposes the allocation of remaining Seed Challenge funding, recommends the addition to the capital programme of a project at Myton School, and the declaration as surplus the old River House School building in Henley.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Seed Challenge allocations recommended by the Capital Strategy Group sub-group be confirmed.
- (2) That a project to convert the gymnasium at Myton School, Warwick, estimated at £430,000 be added to the 2005/06 capital programme with

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finance being provided as detailed in the County Education Officer's report.

- (3) That the River House building in Henley-in-Arden be declared surplus to requirements, sold on terms acceptable to the County Education Officer, the Director of Property Services and the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive, and the proceeds used towards SEN reorganisation projects in the Central Area.

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11. Review of School Admission Arrangements

Report of the County Education Officer.

This paper sets out the changes which have taken place in the arrangements for school admissions and the impact of those changes, and proposes changes for the future in light of the experience of the first year of operation.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet consider and comment on the review of school admission arrangements for 2005.

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12. Draft School Organisation Framework 2005/10

Report of the County Education Officer

This report seeks approval to the publication of a draft School Organisation Framework 2005/10, and approval to consult key stakeholder organisations on the draft.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the draft School Organisation Framework 2005/10 be approved as a basis for consultation with key stakeholder organisations.
- (2) That the County Education Officer be authorised to consult key stakeholders on the draft document and subsequently report responses to the consultation to a future meeting of Cabinet.

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

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13. Government National Planning Policy Consultations: Planning for Housing and Draft Green Belt Direction 2005

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The Government is canvassing views on changing its national policy on 'planning for housing', preferring a radical new approach that will shift the balance in favour of housing market considerations in the development and control systems. The parallel consultation, on a draft new Green Belt Direction is, in the context of this preferred approach to planning for housing, likely to generate more Government interventions, not less. The Director's report advises that objections be made to Government and that the County Council engages in lobbying at a national level for more account to be taken of regional and local diversity.

Recommendations

That the County Council:

- (1) Objects to the preferred approaches set out in the consultation documents published for comment in July 2005 by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM): Planning for Housing and Draft of the Town and Country Planning (Green Belt) Direction 2005, based on the assessment and conclusions set out in sections 4 and 5 of the Director's report, and that this view be conveyed to the ODPM, the national Local Government Association (LGA), the West Midlands Regional Planning Body (WMRPB) and the Coventry, Solihull, Warwickshire Forum (CSWF).
- (2) Engages with the national LGA to press ODPM for an approach to national planning for housing policy that takes much greater account of regional and local variations in conditions and policy. This would be a preferable alternative to the 'one size fits all' approach currently being canvassed by Government, and urge like-minded Regional and Sub-Regional bodies to do the same.

For further information please contact: Andy Cowan, Head of Planning
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14. Proposed Changes in the NHS

Report of the Director of Social Care & Health

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of forthcoming changes in the way the NHS is structured and organised, and to provide an opportunity to consider the strategic implications for the County Council and its partnerships.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet considers the implications of proposed changes in NHS organisations and the impact on the Council's partnership working.

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- (2) That relevant officers and members of the Council take an active role in the consultation processes regarding changes to local NHS arrangements.

For further information please contact: Marion Davis, Director of Social Care & Tel: 01926 412198, e-mail: mariondavis@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report updates Cabinet on the development of a strategy to guide the Council's working relationships with the Voluntary and Community Sector

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet note progress on developing the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy
- (2) That Cabinet agree wider consultation based on the recommendations, made in appendices 1-3 of the report, with a view to producing a joint strategy with the voluntary and community sector
- (3) That Cabinet request Leaders Liaison Group, in its capacity as the budget working group, to consider the policy in relation to requiring efficiency savings on core grants to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, as raised in paragraph 3.5 of the report.

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

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

16. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2004/2005

Report of the County Treasurer.

This report sets out the outturn of the treasury management process during 2004/2005

Recommendation

That Cabinet note the report.

For further information please contact: Phil Triggs, Group Manager. Tel: 01926 412227, e-mail philtriggs@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. Capital Programme Review

Report of the County Treasurer

This report considers changes to the capital programme since Council in February 2005.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet approves the additional projects at paragraph 6.2 of the report.
- (2) That the revised starts and payments totals for 2005/2006 identified at paragraph 6.5 and Tables 1 and 2 of the report be approved.
- (3) That Cabinet note the projections of spending and financing for future years.

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18. Pride in Camp Hill - The Dingle/St Anne's Field Environmental Enhancement Scheme

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

Local member - Councillor Sid Tooth

This report seeks Cabinet approval to increase the 2005/06 Capital Programme for this project.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves an increase in the 2005/06 Capital Programme by £60,000 to carry out Phase 2 of an externally funded project to enhance The Dingle/St Anne's Field, Camp Hill, Nuneaton.

For further information please contact: Kate Lewis, Regeneration Project Officer
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19. Developer Funded Minor Road Schemes

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

The report seeks to add a programme of developer funded minor road schemes to the 2005-06 Transport Capital Programme.

Recommendation

That a programme of developer funded minor road schemes to a value of £200,000 be added to the 2005-06 Transport Capital Programme.

For further information please contact: Liz Milne, Principal Engineer – Highways and Traffic Information. Tel: 01926 735669, e-mail: elizabethmilne@warwickshire.gov.uk

20. Developer Funded Major 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.

Recommendations

- (1) That the two capital projects identified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the report be included in the 2005/2006 capital programme at an estimated cost of £359,000 subject to a Section 278 agreement being signed with the developer.
- (2) That the scheme at High Street, Alcester referred to in paragraph 4 of the report be included in the 2005/2006 capital programme at a cost of £40,000.

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21. Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004: The core functions of Warwickshire County Council in its role as a Fire and Rescue Authority.

Report of the County Fire Officer.

This report provides an assessment of how Warwickshire County Council in its role as a Fire and Rescue Authority discharges its core functions under the Fire and Rescue Service Act 2004. The report also outlines a vision for future development of the Integrated Risk Management Plan that will reflect the contribution to reducing the community safety risk profile made by all WCC Departments on behalf on the Fire and Rescue Authority.

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Recommendation

That Cabinet note the contents of the report and approve the approach outlined to developing the Integrated Risk Management Plan by the County Fire Officer.

For further information please contact: William Brown, County Fire Officer. Tel: 01926423231, e-mail williambrown@warwickshire.gov.uk

22. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

This report proposes that, subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State, the timetable for preparing Waste Local Development Documents set out in the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme be revised to allow time (six months) for essential information to be provided by the Regional Technical Advisory Board.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- (1) Endorse the submission of the proposed revision of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme detailed in Appendix A of the report to the Secretary of State.
- (2) Resolve that the revision be brought into effect on 16th September 2005.

For further information please contact: Heidi Antrobus, Senior Planning Officer
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23. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

24. 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, 9 and 10 of 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).

25. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 July 2005 and Matters Arising.

26. Adult Social Services Community and Voluntary Sector Project Plan.

Report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

Following Cabinet's endorsement of the emerging key themes from the adult social services community and voluntary service audit, the report proposes an action plan to be implemented in conjunction with the work already undertaken on the corporate strategy for the Council's relationship with the voluntary sector to propose strategies and changes to working practices.

Recommendation

That Cabinet endorses the proposed action plan for implementation in conjunction with the work already being undertaken on the corporate strategy for the Council's relationship with the voluntary sector.

For further information please contact: John Bull, Head of Adult Services. Tel: 01926 412438, e-mail johnbull@warwickshire.gov.uk

27. Corporate Property Strategy Framework

Report of the Director of Property Services.

A revised Corporate Property Strategy Framework report to assist with the development of a new Corporate Property Strategy Framework for 2006 and beyond.

Recommendations

- (1) That, subject to any further consultation required by Cabinet that the Cabinet adopt the Corporate Property Strategy Framework 2005 at Appendix A to the report to assist in the development of a new Corporate Property Strategy for 2006 and beyond.
- (2) That, the Acting Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders Liaison Group, decide on the Working Group arrangements to develop proposals in respect of the future of the Shire Hall.

For further information please contact: Peter Ridley, Director of Property Services. Tel: (01926) 412137, e-mail peterridley@warwickshire.gov.uk

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28. Renewal of Waste Management Contracts

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

A number of waste management contracts are due for renewal from 1st December 2005 and need to be replaced. This report gives the outcome of the tender process and makes recommendations for placing new contracts.

For further information please contact: Jo Ingle, Project Manager, Waste Management. Tel: 01926 418064, e-mail: joingle@warwickshire.gov.uk

29. Countywide Bus Shelter Advertising Agreement

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

It is proposed that a Countywide Bus Shelter Advertising agreement be let under competitive tender to permit advertising on bus shelters and other free-standing public information signs/plinths. In return for the advertising concession the successful tenderer would fund the cleaning and maintenance of the bus shelters with advertising and also other shelters without advertising.

It is recommended that Cabinet authorises the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy to award a countywide contract for the maintenance, supply and advertising use of bus shelters and street furniture on terms satisfactory to the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

For further information please contact: Daniel Caldecote, Transport Planning Group. Tel: 01926 735678, e-mail: danielcaldecote@warwickshire.gov.uk

30. Warwick: 2 Swan Street and 20/24 High Street - Lease Renewal of Suite 1

Report of the Director of Property Services and Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

Local member - Councillor Raj Randev

The Cabinet is requested to agree the renewal of a lease of part of the accommodation at 2 Swan Street and 20/24 High Street, Warwick.

For further information please contact: Steve Grimes, Senior Estates Surveyor
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31. Electrical Reactive/Planned Maintenance and Minor Improvement Work at County Buildings

Report of the Director of Property Services

The Cabinet will consider arrangements for the Measured Term Contract relating to electrical reactive/planned maintenance and minor improvement work at county

buildings.

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32. Coleshill Fire Station, Police Station and Leisure Centre

The report of the Director of Property Services

Local member - Cllr Peter Fowler:

The Cabinet will consider future action regarding the relocation of Coleshill Fire Station

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33. Exhall Grange School site: Possible development by the Royal National Institute for the Blind

The report of the County Education Officer

Local member - Cllr Frank McCarney.

This report recommends that the County Council continue negotiations on a proposal to deliver a new special school and children's home on the site of the Exhall Grange School.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Assistant County Education Officer (Strategy). Tel: 01926 412887, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk

34. Warwick: Additional Shire Hall Car Parking Provision

Report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Raj Randev:

The Cabinet will consider a proposal for additional car parking.

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