

Cabinet

Agenda

6th October, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 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 8th September 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. Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan 2005 - 2008

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive and County Solicitor.

The Cabinet is requested to consider the outcomes from the final stages of consultation with partner agencies and agree in principle the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan.

Recommendation

To agree in principle the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan 2005-2008

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3. The Warwickshire Compact

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

The County Council signed up to the Warwickshire Compact in 2002. The Compact has now been updated and the Cabinet is asked to comment on it and confirm its continuing support.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet confirms its continuing support for the revised Warwickshire Compact and authorises the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive to finalise any changes in the content and format.

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

4. Childcare Bill

The report of the Chair of the Sure Start Panel.

The closing date for responses to the Childcare Bill introduced in the Queen's Speech in May is 7 October 2005. Members of the Cabinet are asked to consider the response to the Bill which was considered by the Sure Start Policy Panel on at their meeting on 20 September 2005.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet endorses the response to the Childcare Bill.

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5. Action Plan arising from Ofsted Inspection of Youth Service

The report of the Chair of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Authority is required to submit to the DfES an Action Plan aimed specifically at responding to the recommendations contained in the Inspection Report. This paper presents the Draft Action Plan. The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report at their meeting on 22 September 2005.

Recommendation of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That the Cabinet approves the draft Action Plan produced following the Ofsted Inspection of the Youth Service.

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6. Modernisation of Higher Education Student Finance

The report of the County Education Officer.

This report updates Members on consultation on proposals to modernise Higher Education Student Finance.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Members note the request for a Service Level Agreement with the DfES and endorse the decision not to sign such an agreement at this stage.
- (2) That a further report be submitted once the outcome of such an agreement of the pilot schemes is known.

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7. Final Report of the Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Misuse in Rugby Panel

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

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered the final report of the Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Misuse in Rugby Panel. This was a joint review carried out in conjunction with Rugby Borough Council. The Committee approved the report and adopted the recommendations of the Panel.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet considers and makes a response to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations arising from its consideration of the final report of the Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Misuse in Rugby.

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8. Report of the Mental Health Panel on Mental Health Provision in Warwickshire

The report of the Chair Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee has considered the report of the Mental Health Panel that reviewed Mental Health provision in Warwickshire. The Committee endorsed the report and recommendations.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet considers and makes a response to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations arising from its consideration of the Mental Health Panel report reviewing mental health provision in the County.

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9. Admissions to Stratford Grammar Schools

The report of the County Education Officer.

The Governing bodies of the two grammar schools in Stratford-upon-Avon have requested that the admissions process for the schools be reviewed in light of two years experience of following the arrangements put in place by the Schools

Adjudicator. This report sets out the views of the governors and a suggested way forward.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the proposed changes to the arrangements for admissions to the Stratford Grammar Schools as detailed in paragraph 3.1 (i and ii) of the report be agreed and that the proposal in 3.1 (iii) be included in the Authority's consultation process for admissions in September 2007, and that officers enter into discussions with the Governors of King Edward VI School to ensure the same consultation takes place.
- (2) That the County Education Officer **is / is not** authorised to consult on proposals for the changes to these arrangements proposed by the Governors of Stratford Girls Grammar School in paragraph 3.3 of the report and ask the Governors of King Edward VI School to consult on similar arrangements.

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or: Nick Williams, Education Officer (Pupil & Student Services). Tel: 01926 412956, e-mail: nickwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. Review of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Stratford-on-Avon District

The joint report of the Chair of the Stratford on Avon Area Committee, the Acting Chief Executive and the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The Stratford on Avon Area Committee has considered a report by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy relating to a review of the decriminalisation of parking enforcement in the District.

The Committee recommend that in pay and display streets, the free waiting period should be 30 minutes (as opposed to a recommendation that a charge of twenty pence should be made for the 30 minutes period) and that on-street charges on Sunday should be abolished before 12 noon.

The Cabinet is asked to consider the issues.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet approves that in those streets in Stratford-upon-Avon with pay and display the 50 pence charge for 40 minutes and the free 20 minute period be abolished and replaced with - either a 30 minute period free of charge **or** a 30 minute period charged at twenty pence - and that on-street charges on a Sunday in Stratford-upon-Avon be abolished before 12 noon.

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

11. Stratford Park and Ride

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

This reports seeks approval to the letting of a single contract for the operation of the Park and Ride site and the bus services.

Recommendation

That the management of the Park and Ride car park and the provision of the Park and Ride bus services should be let as a combined contract to Johnsons (Henley) Ltd.

For further information please contact: Roger Newham, Transport Planner
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12. Reducing Administrative Burdens – The Consumer and Trading Standards Agency

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

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTi) are consulting on proposals to address the recommendations in the report by Philip Hampton on reducing administrative burdens prepared for HM Treasury. A proposal is to establish a new government agency, the Consumer and Trading Standards Agency. This report seeks approval of a response on behalf of the Council.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the response to the DTi consultation on the Hampton Report.

For further information please contact: Adrian Levett, Head of Trading Standards
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13. Warwickshire Community Legal Services Partnership

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

The report sets out the key points contained in the Legal Services Commission consultation paper 'Making Legal Rights a Reality'. A proposed response is attached to the report.

Recommendation

That the response to the Legal Services Commission consultation paper 'Making Legal Rights a Reality' as attached to the report be approved.

For further information please contact: Tony Maione, Senior Solicitor
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14. 2005 Formula Grant Consultation - A Response from Warwickshire County Council

The report of the County Treasurer.

The report outlines for members the changes to the Formula Grant methodology proposed in the consultation paper and the possible financial implications for the County Council. It also seeks members' approval to the response to the government to be submitted by 10 October 2005.

Recommendations

- (1) That the Cabinet notes the proposals for changing the methodology for the distribution of formula grant outlined in the consultation paper and the potential impact on the County Council, and
- (2) That the Cabinet approves, subject to any comments, the County Council's response to the consultation paper, attached at Appendix A to the report, and authorise the County Treasurer to update the response as necessary in conjunction with the portfolio holder.

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15. Rokeby Primary Schools

The report of the County Education Officer.

Local member - Cllr John Vereker.

The report seeks permission to undertake formal consultations on a proposal to amalgamate Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School.

Recommendation:

That the County Education Officer be authorised to conduct formal consultations with relevant stakeholders concerning a proposal to:

- (a) close Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School.

- (b) establish a new primary school for children aged 4 -11 years on the site of the existing junior school.

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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, 9, 10 and 11 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).

18. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2005 and Matters Arising.

19. Irrecoverable Debt

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Peter Barnes.

A company that was a tenant of a unit at Smallbrook Business Centre in Bidford has gone into voluntary liquidation and the County Solicitor has established that there are no known assets and no chance of outstanding rent of £3, 541.70 being recovered. It is recommended that the debt be written off.

Recommendation

That the debt worth £3,541.70 outlined in the report be written off as irrecoverable.

For further information please contact: Graham Shaw, Financial Services
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20. Bedworth: St. Francis R.C. Primary School, Rye Piece Ringway

The report of the Director of Property Services

Local member - Councillor Richard Chattaway.

The Cabinet is asked to consider approving the sale of land and an easement to in connection with its Chapel Street Flood Alleviation Scheme.

For further information please contact: Steve Grimes, Senior Estates Surveyor
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21. Talisman Square Development, Kenilworth

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report updates members on the position relating to Talisman Square and seeks the Cabinet's advice on future action.

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The reports are available in large print if requested.