

Cabinet

Agenda

20th October, 2005

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 20TH 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 6th October 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. Review of the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive and County Solicitor.

The Cabinet will consider and make proposals for the development of the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership. These comments will be used in discussions with partner agencies with the aim of creating an effective partnership to lead the development, delivery and performance manage the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan, Warwickshire's Local Area Agreement and our Local Public Service Agreement.

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Recommendation

That the Cabinet makes any comments it considers appropriate and agrees to consultation on the future arrangements for the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership.

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3. Strategic Development of Adult Social Care Services

The report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

The is report provides details of a number of proposed developments in Adult Services following the publication of the Government Green Paper "Independence, Well being and Choice", which was discussed at Adult and Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 6 September 2005. That Committee's comments have been incorporated in the body of the report.

Recommendations from the Adult and Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

That the Cabinet approves:

- (1) Proposals to establish a multi disciplinary Adult Services Project Team which will identify and project manage the strategic changes needed in Adult Social Care Services, following the publication of the Government's Green Paper, "Independence, Well-being and Choice".
- (2) Proposals to establish an Adult Services Strategic Partnership Board, and Steering Group.
- (3) Proposals to establish an Older People's Services Partnership Board and Member Reference Group.
- (4) Proposals to develop Joint Commissioning arrangements for both Learning Disability and Mental Health Services.

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4. Commissioning of Adult Mental Health and Learning Disability Services

Report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

The report seeks approval to move forward with joint commissioning

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arrangements for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities. Approval is sought to appoint two Commissioning Managers jointly funded by the PCT's and the County Council. The report sets out a work programme to align budgets by April 2006 and have in place pooled budgets by April 2007.

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) Support the establishment of formal joint arrangements by Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire PCT/s to commission adult mental health and learning disability services.
- (2) Approve the objectives against which formally integrated joint commissioning arrangements would be measured.
- (3) Approve the initial proposals for the governance, accountability and financial framework and endorse further work to refine these.
- (4) Endorse further detailed work with agreed milestones that will lead to the creation of pooled budgets for mental health and learning disability services, with a view to aligning the management and performance reporting of resources for the 2006/07 financial year with the introduction of formal pooled budget arrangements by April 2007. A report on the detail of aligned budget arrangements for 2006/7 will be submitted in January 2006
- (5) Support the development of strategies for information management, ICT, human resources management (including workforce development) and support services to support these joint commissioning arrangements.
- (6) Authorise the appointment of two senior joint commissioning manager posts, one to lead on mental health and the second on learning disabilities, with adverts to be placed by agreement and in accordance with respective HR policies and taking into account any ring-fenced arrangements that may need to operate in this period of structural change in both the NHS and the County Council.

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5. Youth Matters - A response to the Green Paper

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

The report sets out a response to the consultation on the Green Paper, Youth Matters. The response has been compiled through a special meeting of a range of partners involved in the Strategic Review of Services for Young People and a

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single issue meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 September 2005. The closing date of the consultation is 4 November 2005.

Recommendation of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

That the Cabinet approve the response to the consultation on the Green Paper 'Youth Matters'

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6. Changes in Adoption Legislation – Policy and Practice Implications

The report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

The report provides an overview of changes required by Warwickshire County Council as an adoption agency in response to the implementation of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Recommendations are made in respect of the elected members representation on Warwickshire County Council Adoption Panel, and the levy of fees in respect of individuals who are seeking to adopt from overseas (intercountry adoption).

Recommendations

- (1) That the Cabinet agrees to adjust the membership of the Adoption Panel to comply with the new regulations
- (2) That the Cabinet agrees the increased fee for intercountry adoption in line with the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) recommended rates

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7. Fast Track to Foundation Status for Primary Schools – DfES consultation

The report of the County Education Officer.

The report suggests a response to the Government consultation on a fast track process for primary schools to achieve foundation status.

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Recommendations

That the concerns outlined in paragraph 2 of the County Education Officer's report be forwarded to the Department for Education and Skills on behalf of the Council in response to the consultation on proposals to extend the fast track route for schools to acquire foundation status to primary schools.

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

8. Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy

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

The report summarises key aspects of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy and details progress with the adoption of the Strategy by the District and Borough Councils.

Recommendations

- (1) That the Cabinet approves Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
- (2) That the Cabinet authorises the Director to agree minor and uncontentious Clauses following consultations with the Portfolio Holder and the Chair of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

For further information please contact: Kalen Wood, Project Manager. Tel. 01926 418064, e-mail kalenwood@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. The Distribution of the Waste Management Element of PSA1 Performance Reward Grant

The report of the Chair of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, on 27 September 2005, considered a report from the Director of Planning Transport and Economic Strategy which asked for the Committee's view on the options for using the £493,263 remaining from the waste management element of the PSA1 (Public Service Agreement) performance reward grant.

Recommendations

That Cabinet be informed that the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- (1) supports approval of £493,263 from PSA1 performance reward being added to Waste Management budget, primarily to deliver the Waste Strategy;

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- (2) in light of Stratford on Avon District Council not meeting its own statutory performance standards and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council not signing an agreement with the County Council, cannot reach a view on payment of the PSA1 money.

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10. Highway Maintenance Plan 2005/2006

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

The report provides information about the highway maintenance work proposed in 2005/06 and lists other sites where maintenance work will be required in the future.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the Highway Maintenance Plan 2005/06.

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11. Bringing the Benefits of London 2012 Olympics to Warwickshire

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

It is proposed to invest in a range of activities designed to ensure that Warwickshire, working in partnership, will benefit from the Olympic Games in London in 2012.

Recommendations

That Cabinet agrees:-

- (1) To recommend that Council allocates £50,000 in the current financial year and, subject to the budget for 2006/2007, a further £100,000 to work in partnership to support activities related to the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.
- (2) To recommend that Council reviews funding needs for the Olympics in the course of the normal budget setting process for the years up to 2012.
- (3) The Council lobbies Government to ensure that current levels of investment to Warwickshire are maintained rather than diverted to the South East.

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- (4) That a further report be submitted on actions to be taken to use the prospect of the Olympics to generate a wider interest and participation in sport in the community and on the potential for the Council to promote high achievement in sport.

For further information please contact: Angela Baines, Principal Tourism Development Officer. Tel: 01926 414150, e-mail: angelabaines@warwickshire.gov.uk

12. 2005/2006 Annual Efficiency Statement

The report of the County Fire Officer.

The report provides members with the opportunity to comment on the Fire and Rescue Service draft Annual Efficiency Statement for 2005/2006 to be submitted to the ODPM by 7th November 2005.

Recommendations

- (1) That the Cabinet note the requirements placed on the County Council as a result of the Government's efficiency agenda.
- (2) That the Cabinet comment on the draft 2005/2006 AES, prior to its approval by the County Fire Officer, Chair of the FRA and the County Treasurer.

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

13. Puffin Crossing at Shipston Road, Stratford-upon-Avon

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

Local members – Councillors Richard Hyde and Mike Perry - Stratford South .

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

Recommendations

- (1) That the Puffin Crossing at Shipston Road, Stratford-upon-Avon be included in the 2005/2006 capital programme at an estimated cost of £126,000.

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- (2) That members note this project replaces the Toucan Crossing at Shipston Road, Stratford-upon-Avon which was approved by Cabinet on 21 July 2005.

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14. Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement

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

The Cabinet is requested to approve the revised Statement of Community Involvement for a 6 week consultation period and submission to the Secretary of State and to refer the amended document to full Council for approval.

Recommendations

That Cabinet approves the proposed amendments to the draft Statement of Community Involvement and recommends that the Council:-

- (1) Approves that Statement as amended and the accompanying statements for the purpose of their submission to the Secretary of State and further consultation in accordance with section 20 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 28 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.
- (2) Authorises Cabinet to instruct officers as to their response to further amendments proposed by other parties for consideration at the Independent Examination.

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15. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

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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, 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).

17. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October 2005 and Matters Arising.

18. Rugby: Shelford House Farm, Burton Hastings

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Philip Morris-Jones:

The Cabinet will consider certain land matters involving the farm which is identified in the Rural Asset Management Plan for eventual disposal.

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

19. Proposed Kingsbury Water Park Outdoor Education Centre

The report of the County Education Officer.

Local member - Cllr Brian Moss – Kingsbury

The Cabinet will consider a proposal for the development of an Outdoor Education Centre at Kingsbury Water Park including the authorisation of negotiations and consideration of the earmarking of capital receipts.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Assistant County Education Officer (Strategy). Tel: 01926 412887, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Phil Astle, Education Officer (School Organisation) Tel: 01926 412820, e-mail: philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk

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20. Consortium of Local Authority Special Projects (CLASP): Nomination of Director of Company

The report of the Director of Property Services.

The Cabinet will consider the nominating Councillor Alan Cockburn as a Director of a public controlled company to be established by CLASP, with the Director of Property Services or his nominee representing County Council interests on the Management Committee of CLASP.

For further information please contact: Peter Ridley, Director of Property
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21. Dunchurch and Wolston Estate

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Gordon Collett:

The Cabinet will consider the promotion of the Council's land holding at Dunchurch and Wolston for inclusion in the newly emerging mineral plan.

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22. 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. (The Cabinet deferred consideration of the matter at its last meeting because important information was not available).

Recommendation

That the Cabinet considers what it wishes to do in the light of the current position

For further information please contact: Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor.
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23. Warwick: Additional Shire Hall Car Parking Provision

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

On the 8th September the Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to the purchase of car park permits from Warwick District Council at a discounted cost, to ease the parking problems being experienced by County Council staff. The

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Cabinet decided to refer the matter to the Environment and the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees for their views having regard to the implications of the Green Transport Plan. The Warwick Area Committee was also invited to comment on the proposal.

The views of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Warwick Area Committee are now reported. The Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting is not until the 18th October. That Committee's views will be reported before the Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet is now asked to reconsider the proposal having regard to the views of the three Committees.

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