

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 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 20th October 2005 [Notes Link](#) 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. Half Year Composite Performance Report 2005/06 (April – September 2005) and Key Messages from Public Consultation.

The report of the Chief Executive.

The report provides a high level summary of the Council's performance for the first 6 months of 2005/06 (April to September 2005) as part of the Performance Management Framework. It reports on performance against the key actions from the Corporate Business Plan, Corporate Headline Indicator (CHI) estimates / forecasts and Key Messages from Public Consultation under the six Corporate Objectives.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet notes the contents of the report and note that half-year reports from individual departments will be reported to relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- (2) That Cabinet identifies any aspects of performance where they believe there is potential to improve year-end performance and that Portfolio Holders be asked to come back to Cabinet to demonstrate what actions will be taken.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the Key Messages from Public Consultation identified in the report.

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3. Update on Progress in Relation to the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA2)

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report updates the Cabinet on recent work undertaken in relation to LPSA2. A final report will be considered by the Cabinet in December 2005. The report emphasises that discussions with Project Leaders, partner agencies, and central government departments are both ongoing and fast moving and the likely need for a verbal update at the meeting.

Recommendation

That Cabinet notes and endorses the progress that has been made in relation to the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA2) and agrees that a final report should be made to its meeting to be held on 8th December 2005.

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4. Member Involvement in Community Safety Partnership Working

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

The report highlights the fact that elected members of the county and district councils have very limited opportunity for involvement in partnership working on community safety issues. It is proposed that a body is established to oversee the work of the Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and Drug and Alcohol Action Team. The body would consist of county and district councillors plus governance representatives from partner agencies such as the Police Authority and the PCTs. If the Cabinet agrees with the proposal we will need to consult partner agencies.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet endorses the proposal to establish a countywide members' group to oversee partnership working on Community Safety, subject to the agreement of community safety partner agencies (District Councils, Police Authority, Police and Primary Care Trusts).

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

The report of the County Education Officer and Director of Social Care & Health.

This report summarises progress to date since the last Cabinet report of 21st July 2005 and the publication of the Green Paper: Youth Matters.

Recommendations:

(1) That Cabinet notes the contents of the Joint Report which describes the progress made since 21st July 2005.

(2) That Cabinet agrees:

- to support the general direction of travel with regards to the establishment of the new service in the context of the modernisation of the County Council, the Children Act 2004 and the Green Paper: Youth Matters
- the consultation arrangements set out for the name and shape of the new service.

(3) That Cabinet agrees that the options set out in paragraph 4.6 concerning the future of the Area Community Education Councils be considered further by the Council's Review of Relations with the Voluntary and Community Sector and also that the views of Area Committees are sought.

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6. Fair Access to Care Services (FACS) Eligibility Threshold

The report of the Chair of the Adult and Community Services O&S Committee.

The report outlines whether the eligibility threshold for Adult Social Services, as set out in the FACS Framework, should be lowered, giving other options as well as the cost implications. This report was considered by the Adult and Community Services O&S Committee on 11 October 2005 FACS

Recommendation of the Adult and Community Services O&S Committee:

That the Cabinet changes the eligibility threshold to include some or all Moderate band needs subject to appropriate funding being made available in the budget for future years.

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Tel: 02476 746427, e-mail: jonwhiting@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Ann Mawdsley, Senior Committee Administrator. Tel: 01926 418079, e-mail: annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Consultation Paper - Periodic Electoral Reviews

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report advises members of a consultation paper issued by the Electoral Commission on the future arrangements for periodic electoral reviews. A draft response is being prepared for consideration and will follow shortly. The deadline for responses is 25 November 2005.

Recommendations

- (1) That the Cabinet considers and comments on the draft response.
- (2) That the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive be authorised to finalise the response in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups.

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

8 2005/06 Annual Efficiency Statement Mid-Year Update

The report of the County Treasurer.

This report gives an update of the forecast level of efficiency gains that are expected to be achieved in 2005/06.

Recommendations

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Notes the latest forecast of efficiency gains for 2005/06,
- (2) Approves the draft 2005/06 Annual Efficiency Statement mid-year update attached at Appendix A to the report for submission to the Government, and
- (3) Authorises the County Treasurer, in conjunction with the portfolio holder, to make any changes necessary to the 2005/06 Annual Efficiency Statement mid-year update prior to its submission.

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9. Projected 2005/2006 Revenue Spending as at Quarter 2

The report of the County Treasurer.

The report summarises the projected revenue net spend as at the end of quarter 2 (April to September 2005). It highlights the main reasons for any variations from the approved budget for each service and the projected reserves position at the year-end.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- (1) Notes the projected 2005/06 revenue spending position and the projected reserves at year-end, and ensure appropriate management action is being taken to control spending in the delivery of services.
- (2) Approves the contribution to reserves of £9,000 in 2005/06, detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
- (3) Approves the transfer of £100,000 budget from Other Services to the Fire and Rescue Service, detailed in paragraph 3.6

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10. Projected 2005/06 Capital Spending as at Quarter 2

The report of the County Treasurer.

The report advises members of the projected outturn for 2005/06, based on the information known at the end of the second quarter.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet notes the revised spending forecast for capital schemes in 2005/06 and the revised spending forecast over the lives of schemes.

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11. Recycling Redundant PCs

The report of the Director of Contract & Management Services.

This report describes the current arrangements for the disposal of redundant PCs and recommends that a number are recycled for the benefit of deserving causes that meet criteria determined by Area Committees, or for limited internal use by services within the Area. This would be for a trial basis for 12 months initially with a view to making the arrangements permanent.

Recommendations

(1) That 20 Recycled PCs are made available to each of the 5 Area Committees in 2006/07 for allocation to deserving causes or for service use within the Area on a conditional basis and subject to a budget allocation of £20,000 being made to cover the costs of recycling.

(2) That an equitable, consistent and transparent allocation protocol is devised and agreed with the County Solicitor and the County Treasurer for adoption by all 5 Area Committees.

(3) That the arrangement is trialled for 12 months and then reviewed with a view to making it permanent.

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12. Proposed Revision of Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

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

The report summarises the proposed revisions to the current Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.

Recommendation

That the revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, as amended in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of State, be brought into effect on 25th November.

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13. Shipston-on-Stour, Highway Improvements at Housing Development on Tilemans Lane

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

Local member - Cllr Chris Saint - Shipston-on-Stour

This report seeks Cabinet approval to add the project to the 2006/2007 capital programme.

Recommendation

That the Highway Improvements at Tileman's Lane, Shipston-on-Stour be included in the 2006/2007 capital programme at an estimated cost of £ 110,000.

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14. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

15. 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).

16. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October 2005 and Matters Arising.

17. Options for the Shire Hall, Warwick

The report of the Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Raj Randev.

This report summarises options available for the future development of the County Council's office accommodation in central Warwick and asks the Cabinet to agree certain action.

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18. Additions to the Capital Programme Costs in Relation to Phases 1 and 2 Link Road, Midland Quarry, Camp Hill

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

Local member - Councillor Barry Longden

The overall costs of Phases 1 and 2 access to Midland Quarry have increased, as have levels of grant. The Cabinet will consider increasing the Capital allocation for the scheme to reflect this.

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19. Consortium of Local Authority Special Projects (CLASP): Trading Company

The joint report of the Director of Property Services, the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive and County Treasurer.

A report to seek Cabinet approval for the establishment of a new company and of Warwickshire County Council's participation in the company.

Recommendations

(1) That approval be given to the Council's participation in the new company proposed by the Consortium of Local Authority Special Projects (CLASP) with its interest being represented by Councillor Alan Cockburn

(2) That the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive, the County Treasurer and the Director of Property Services be instructed to undertake such actions necessary to establish the company referred to at (1) above

(3) That the Council's continued membership of the Consortium of Local Authority Special Projects (CLASP) Management Committee be approved, with the Director of Property Services or a nominee representing the interests of the Council.

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20. Replacement of Central Property Register with Archibus/FM - Project Update

The report of the Director of Property Services.

A report to update the Cabinet on progress made with the replacement of the Central Property Register and to request approval of a settlement to the supplier.

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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.

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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22. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service - Community Fire Safety – Departmental Review

Report of the County Fire Officer.

A report detailing proposed structural changes to the Community Fire Safety Department establishment.

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23. Nuneaton: 1A Weddington Terrace - Lease Acquisition

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

Local member - Councillor Alan Farnell.

The Cabinet will consider leasing arrangement for the property.

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The reports are available in large print if requested.