

Cabinet

Agenda

12th January 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 12th JANUARY 2006** 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 December 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. Annual Performance Assessment of Warwickshire County Council's Education and Children's Social Care Services 2005

The report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families Services.

This report provides a summary of the Commission for Social Care Inspection / Ofsted's annual performance assessment of Warwickshire County Council's

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education and children's social care services in 2005.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet comments on the results of the Annual Performance Assessment of Warwickshire County Council's Education and Children's Social Care Services as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (2) That copies of the letter are made available to members of the public.
- (3) That copies of the letter are made available to the Council's auditor and relevant partners.

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3. Changes to Indicated Admission Numbers

The report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families Services.

Local members

Cllr Jill Dill-Russell – Stratford Avenue & New Town
Cllr Bryan Levy – Lawford & New Bilton
Cllr Richard Grant - Hartshill

This paper informs Cabinet about current Admission Numbers in three schools and seeks authorisation for formal consultation to change those numbers.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet authorise the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families Services to consult stakeholders on proposals to:

- (1) increase the Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School, Stratford, from 45 to 60 pupils per year
- (2) increase the Admission Number of Oakfield Primary School, Rugby, from 25 to 30 pupils per year
- (3) decrease the Indicated Admission Number of Nathaniel Newton Infant School, Hartshill, from 90 to 60 pupils per year.

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

4. Developing Children's Centres

The report of the Chair of the Sure Start Policy Panel.

This report contains an update on proposals for developing Children's Centres across Warwickshire. The report was considered by the Sure Start Policy Panel at their meeting on 23 November 2005.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet approve that -

- The draft outline proposals are forwarded to the Government Office for the West Midlands GOWM;
- Further detailed work is undertaken to develop the outline proposals into full projects.

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5. Local Transport Plan Settlement for 2006-07 and Outline Capital Programme for Transport 2006-07 to 2008-09

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

The report summarises the content of the settlement letter from the Government and makes outline recommendations for allocation of resources for the Transport Capital Programme for 2006-07 to 2008-09.

The report also includes an update on the Leamington Spa Urban Mixed Priority scheme (LUMP) with a bid for additional funding to complete the scheme in 2006-07.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the capital allocations for Maintenance in Table 1 in the report be approved.
- (2) That the draft capital allocations for Integrated Transport in Table 2 be approved.

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- (3) That a detailed programme based on the allocations in Table 2 be prepared and that Area Committees be consulted to obtain their comments on the programme prior to seeking approval of the detailed capital programme from Cabinet.
- (4) That the Council be asked to approve the capital programmes for 2006-07 to 2008-09 outlined in this report.
- (5) That the 26th July 2005 Warwick Area Committee resolutions (i), (ii) (iii) regarding Leamington Mixed Priority scheme be noted.

For further information please contact: Roger Newham, Head of Transport Planning Unit . Tel. 01926 735663, e-mail rogernewham@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

6. Gender Equality - Consultation Paper

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The Equality Bill, currently going through Parliament, will introduce a duty on public authorities to promote equality of opportunity between men and women. Government, through the DTi is consulting on the detail of this duty. This report suggests the Council's response to the consultation document.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the consultation response to the Department of Trade and Industry as set out in the Appendix to the report.

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

7. Response to Defra Consultation on Options for Local Authority Statutory Performance Standards on Recycling and Composting in 2007/08

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

This report provides a summary of the Government's proposals for recycling and composting targets for 2007/08. No further stretching targets are proposed. The Government's preferred option is to leave targets at the current 2005/06 levels, retaining the 30% upper limit for high performing authorities and for low performing authorities to reach recycling and composting levels of 18% or 20% by 2007/08. Responses to the consultation questions are detailed within the report.

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Recommendation:

That the proposed responses to the consultation questions are supported.

For further information please contact: Kalen Wood, Waste Management
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8. Amended Policy for the Mobilising of Fire Engines to Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) Signals and the reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Calls.

The report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection.

A risk assessment strategy to change fire engine mobilising arrangements to Automatic Fire Alarm activations to achieve a more flexible approach and reduce the number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Calls.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approves the change to fire engine mobilising arrangements to Automatic Fire Alarm activations to achieve a more flexible approach.

For further information please contact: Trevour Brice. Tel: 01926 423231, e-mail trevourbrice@warwickshire.gov.uk or Richard Buxton, Fire Safety Support Manager. Tel: 01926 423231, e-mail richardbuxton@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Policy for the Implementation of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order within Warwickshire.

The report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection.

The report relates to a change to a risk based enforcement inspection regime, in line with national guidance, following the introduction of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet supports the policy as a means to satisfy the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which will be implemented on 1st April 2006 and the introduction of a risk based inspection regime, based on national guidance.

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10. Department of PTES – Irrecoverable Debts

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

The Cabinet is requested to approve the write-off of a number of debts each in excess of £1,000, where Legal Services have advised that these debts are not recoverable.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet agrees to the write-off of the seven irrecoverable debts valued at £26,425.

For further information please contact: John Robinson, Financial Services Manager. Tel. 01926 412091, e-mail johnrobinson@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Illegal Money Lending Project

The report of the Strategic Director of Adult Health and Community Services.

The Cabinet will consider authorising a team of specialist officers from Birmingham City Council to enforce the Consumer Credit Act 1974 in Warwickshire, for a limited period of two years in the first instance, to combat illegal money lending, as part of an ongoing pilot project in the region funded by the DTI.

For further information please contact: Anthea J Davies , Assistant Head of Trading Standards, Tel: 01926 414063, e-mail antheadavies@warwickshire.gov.uk

12. Advisory Lorry Route Map for Warwickshire

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The Warwickshire Freight Quality Partnership has been developing an Advisory Lorry Route Map for distribution within the road haulage industry. This report recommends that approval be given to the publication of the map and that it be formally reviewed 12 months after publication.

Recommendation:

That approval be given to the publication of the Advisory Lorry Route Map for Warwickshire and that the map be formally reviewed 12 months after publication.

For further information please contact: Mark Porter, Traffic Projects Group. Tel. 01926 412809, e-mail markporter@warwickshire.gov.uk

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13. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

14. 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 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).

15. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2005 and Matters Arising.

16. Re-development of North Leamington School - The Next Steps

The joint report of the Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families Services.

Local member - Cllr Michael Doody.

The Cabinet will consider the next steps relating to the re-development of North Leamington School.

For further information please contact: Steve Smith, Development Manager
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Education Officer - Capital Programme. Tel: 01926 412150, e-mail
johnharmon@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. Rugby: The Avon Valley School

**Consent has been given to the urgent procedure being applied to this item.
The decision will have immediate effect.**

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Family Services.

Local member - Councillor John Wells.

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This report provides an update of the report 21 July 2005 to the Cabinet and recommends approval to a revised funding package.

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18. Secondary School Provision in Rugby

The report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families Services.

Local members - Cllr John Vereker and Cllr Ian Smith

The Cabinet will consider a report relating to the pattern of school provision in Rugby and which seeks authority to undertake consultation on proposed changes.

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

19. Street Light Column Advertising

To consider the report of the County Council meeting on the 5th January, 2006 relating to the “call-in” of the Cabinet’s decision taken on 8 December.

Report to follow.

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

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