

Cabinet

Agenda

9th March 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH 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.

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the members serving as District/Borough councillors and as members of the Warwickshire Police Authority are declared below:

Councillor Alan Cockburn, Member of Warwick District Council.

Councillor Peter Fowler, Member of North Warwickshire Borough Council.

Councillor Colin Hayfield, Member of North Warwickshire Borough Council.

Councillor Richard Hobbs, Member of Stratford on Avon District Council and the Warwickshire Police Authority.

Councillor Jerry Roodhouse, Member of Rugby Borough Council.

Councillor Chris Saint, Member of Stratford on Avon District Council.

Councillor Izzi Seccombe, Member of Stratford on Avon District Council
and the Warwickshire Police Authority.

Councillor Bob Stevens, Member of Stratford on Avon District Council.

**(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2006 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. Proposed closure of Bishop Wulstan Catholic School, Rugby

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

Local member - Cllr John Vereker.

This report summarises the outcome of the proposal to close (formally to cease to maintain) Bishop Wulstan School in Rugby and presents the options for the way forward.

Recommendations:

(1) That feedback from the formal consultation concerning the proposal to cease to maintain Bishop Wulstan Catholic School, Rugby, with effect from 31st August 2006, be noted.

(2) That the proposal to close Bishop Wulstan School should not be proceeded with.

or

That officers be authorised to publish statutory notices of the Authority's intention to close Bishop Wulstan School with effect from 31st August 2006.

or

That this matter be considered at the meeting of the Cabinet on 25th May 2006 with a further report on the innovative proposal being developed by the Arch-diocese of Birmingham on the future of Bishop Wulstan School.

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

3. Report of the Review of Higher Education Student Finance Delivery in England

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

Following a review of the end-to-end delivery of Student Finance in England which was announced on 7th June 2005, a report was published on 1st February 2006 with an initial Ministerial statement supporting the centralisation of a role currently administered by Local Authorities.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Members consider the potential implications of the report on the Student Finance Section and service delivery in Warwickshire.
- (2) That a response to the Government's proposals be drafted for consideration by the Cabinet.

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4. Establishment of Warwickshire's Safeguarding Children Board

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

This report details the requirement for Warwickshire County Council to establish a local safeguarding children board to agree and oversee the arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the County.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board for Warwickshire with the membership and terms of reference as set out in the Draft Constitution attached to the report.

For further information please contact: Victoria Gould, Principal Solicitor. Tel: 01926 736125, e-mail victoriagould@warwickshire.gov.uk or Dr Vic Tuck Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Development Officer. Tel: 01926 731141, e-mail vicktuck@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

5. Integrated Risk Management Plan Year 3 Action Plan - Consultation

The report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer.

This paper sets out the Integrated Risk Management Plan Year 3 Action Plan. The final version of the plan has been produced following consideration of all the feedback received during the consultation period from 1st October 2005 to 31st December 2005.

Recommendation

That Full Council adopts the Integrated Risk Management Year Three Action Plan on behalf of the Fire Authority from 1st April 2006.

For further information please contact: William Brown, Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer. Tel: 01926 423231, e-mail williambrown@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Irrecoverable Debt

The report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer

The Service is requesting the write off of a debt to the value of £9,926.57.

Recommendation:

That Members note the report and approve the debt worth £9,926.57 outlined below be written off as irrecoverable.

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7. Warwickshire Arts Service: A Vision for the Future

The report of the Chair of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The report sets out the results of a major consultation with stakeholders on policy and priorities for the County Arts Service. The report was considered by the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 January 2006.

Recommendations (of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee):

That the Cabinet approve the recommendations within the report regarding:

- (1) Key Areas (detailed in paragraph 4.1.1 of the report)
- (2) Grant Aid (detailed in paragraph 4.2.1 of the report)
- (3) Joint Working (detailed in paragraph 4.3.1 of the report)

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8. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

9. 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 8 and 9 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).

10. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd February 2006 and Matters Arising.

11. Equal Pay Strategy

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This report describes the latest issues in relation to equal pay and a strategy for discussion with the trades unions

For further information please contact: Reuben Bergman, Deputy Head of Human Resources (Employee Relations). Tel: 01926 41 2314, e-mail reubenbergman@warwickshire.gov.uk

12. Report on Insurance Renewals 2006

The report of the Strategic Directors – Performance & Development and Resources

The Cabinet will consider the proposed renewals for 2006.

For further information please contact: David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance and Development. Tel: 01926 412564, e-mail: davidcarter@warwickshire.gov.uk or: David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources. Tel: 01926 412003, e-mail: davidclarketr@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. Contractual Arrangements - Warwickshire Care Services

The report of the Strategic Directors of Adult, Health and Community Services, Performance and Development and Resources.

The report describes the current contractual arrangements with Warwickshire Care Services and seeks agreement on a way forward in partnership.

For further information please contact: Jon Whiting, Service Manager, Older Tel: 024 7674 6427, e-mail: jonwhiting@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Tim Willis, Capacity Planning. Tel: 01926 731089, e-mail: timwillis@warwickshsire.gov.uk

14. Design Services Partnering Contract

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The existing partnering arrangement will expire in June 2006 and Cabinet has agreed the principle of letting a new partnering agreement. This report outlines the competitive tendering process undertaken to identify a suitable organisation to partner with Design Services to provide professional and other services as required. It also provides an assessment of the tenders received and gives recommendations for the award of the contract.

For further information please contact: Brian Follett, Group Manager, Design Services. Tel: 01926 412094, e-mail: brianfollett@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Non-voting Invitees - Councillor June Tandy (**Leader of the Labour Group**) cllmrstandy@warwickshire.gov.uk and Councillor Jerry Roodhouse (**Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group**) cllrroodhouse@warwickshire.gov.uk, or their representatives.

General Enquiries: Please contact Pete Keeley, Member Services, Performance and Development Directorate Tel: 01926 412450 Email: petekeeley@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers

