

Cabinet

Agenda

6th April 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL 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.

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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 9th March 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. 2006/07 to 2008/09 Medium Term Efficiency Plan

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report seeks members' approval of the medium term efficiency strategy and plan. It provides a forecast level of efficiency gains that are expected to be achieved in 2006/07 that will be submitted to the government in the authority's 2006/07 Forward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) Approve the Medium Term Efficiency Strategy, attached at Appendix A to the report.
- (2) Approve the Medium Term Efficiency Plan, attached at Appendix B to the report.
- (3) Note the forecast of efficiency gains for 2006/07.
- (4) Approve the draft 2006/07 forward-looking Annual Efficiency Statement attached at Appendix D for submission to the Government.
- (5) Authorise the Strategic Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leaders and Chief Executive to make any changes necessary to the 2006/07 Forward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement prior to its submission to the government on 18 April 2006.

For further information please contact: Michael Furness, Principal Accountant.
Tel: 01926 412666, e-mail: michaelfurness@warwickshire.gov.uk

3. 2006/07 Revenue Estimates

The report of the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Resources.

The report provides members with further details on Strategic Directors detailed proposals for the use of the resources allocated at Council on 7 February 2006 and their comments on the implications for their service.

Recommendations:

Members are recommended to:

- (1) Approve the detailed estimates for each service directorate as outlined in Appendices A to G of this report and in the accompanying separate document titled “2006/07 Revenue Budget – Detailed Service Estimates”,
- (2) Approve the grants to voluntary organisations listed in section 3 of Appendix A of the report.
- (3) Approve the increase in charges of 35p per meal for meals on wheels and lunch clubs to allow a phasing out of the management fee as detailed in section 4 of Appendix A.

For further information please contact: Virginia Rennie, Group Accountant
Tel: 01926 412239, e-mail: vrennie@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Children and Young People’s Plan

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

This paper seeks approval to the first Children and Young People’s Plan.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet consider the first Children and Young People’s Plan and recommend to Council that the Plan is approved for further development in consultation with partners, stakeholders, and children, young people and their families over the next 18 months.

For further information please contact: Geoff King, Head of Service –
Commissioning, Tel: 01926 412117, e-mail: geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. School Organisation Framework 2005/10

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

This report provides feedback on the formal consultation and seeks approval to a document amended in the light of comments and other developments.

Recommendations:

- (1) That responses to the consultation on the draft School Organisation Framework be noted.
- (2) That the School Organisation Framework 2005/10 be approved as amended.

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

6. Admission Arrangements – September 2007

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

This paper contains responses to the Local Authority's proposed admission arrangements for September 2007 and also proposed arrangements for admissions to Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) consider the responses to the Local Authority's proposed admission arrangements and confirm their determination for admissions in September 2007, and
- (2) consider and comment as appropriate on the proposed admission arrangements from the Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools listed in para. 3 of the Strategic Director's report.

For further information please contact: Nick Williams, Education Officer – Pupil and Student Services. Tel: 01926 412956, e-mail: nickwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk
or: Mark Gore, Head of Service –Education Partnerships and School Development. Tel: 01926 412887, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This report provides the County Council with an opportunity to approve the countywide multi-agency Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy approved by Crime and Disorder Partnerships at district level as a basis for tackling anti-social behaviour and relates to the Corporate Objective of: 'To reduce crime and improve the safety of the community'.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to endorse the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and action plan on behalf of the County Council.

For further information please contact Julie Sullivan, Corporate Community Safety Manager. Tel: 01926 766804, e-mail juliesullivan@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Capital Expenditure on New Youth & Community and Adult & Community Learning Facilities in Stratford

The report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People & Families and the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services

Approval is sought for the use of a capital grant from the South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust to meet the needs of the Youth & Community and Adult & Community Learning Services in Stratford.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the capital projects identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this report be added to the 2006/07 capital programme at an estimated total cost of £106,000, to be funded from the grant receivable from the South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust.
- (2) That the balance of the grant be available for corporate capital resources.

For further information please contact: Peter Sutton, Head of the Adult & Community Learning Services. Tel: 01926 738574, e-mail: petersutton@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Peter Hatcher, Head of the Youth & Community Service. Tel: 01926 738570, e-mail: peterhatcher@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Change to Indicated Admission Number of Oakfield Primary School, Rugby

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

Local member - Cllr Bryan Levy

To seek approval to proposals to increase the Indicated Admission Number of Oakfield Primary School, Rugby, following the response to formal consultation.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet consider the responses to the formal consultation and approve the proposal to increase the Indicated Admission Number of Oakfield Primary School, Rugby, from 25 to 30 places per year.

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

10. Change to Indicated Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School, Stratford

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

Local member - Cllr Jill Dill-Russell.

To seek approval to proposals to increase the Indicated Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School, Stratford, following the response to formal consultation.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet consider the responses to the formal consultation and approve the proposal to increase the Indicated Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School, Stratford, from 45 to 60 places per year.

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

11. Stratford Vision

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

This paper asks Cabinet to note the contents, and support where appropriate the Vision Document, published by Stratford on Avon District Council in January this year.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet notes the contents of the Stratford-upon-Avon Vision document and suggests further investigations into the transport proposals through the review of the Transport Strategy later this year.

For further information please contact: Julie Crawshaw, Regeneration Projects. Tel: 01926 418621, e-mail: juliecrawshaw@warwickshire.gov.uk

12. Speed Limit on the B4086 Banbury Road at Kineton

The report of the Chair of the Stratford Area Committee.

Following formal advertisement of a proposed 30 mph and 40 mph speed limit on the B4086 Banbury Road, Kineton, five objections were received from residents.

The objections were considered by the Stratford on Avon Area Committee on the 15th March.

The Committee resolved that a 30 mph speed limit should be applied to the whole length of Banbury Road concerned rather than the speed limit proposals which were advertised.

Given that such a speed limit would not be in accordance with the Council's normal policy, the Cabinet is asked to consider the matter.

Recommendation from the Area Committee

That the Cabinet resolves either:

- (1) notwithstanding that this is not in accordance with the Council's normal policy, that a Traffic Order be advertised replacing the existing 40 mph speed limit on the B4086 Banbury Road, Kineton by a 30 mph speed limit;

or (if option (1) is not acceptable)

- (2) that a Traffic Order be made in the following terms:
 - (i) That the existing 40 mph limit be retained on the B4086 Banbury Road, Kineton with a 36 metre extension of the 30 mph speed limit as advertised;
 - (ii) That speed reducing measures be introduced as described in this report to encourage compliance with both speed limits.

For further information please contact: Pete Keeley, Principal Committee Administrator. Tel: 01926 412450, e-mail petekeeley@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

13. Revised Policy for the Provision of Pedestrian Crossings and Pedestrian Phases at Traffic Signals.

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

This report sets out a revised policy for the provision of pedestrian crossings and pedestrian phases at traffic signals to ensure the most effective use of the available resources.

Recommendation

That Cabinet:-

- (1) Approves the Policy for the Provision of Pedestrian Crossings and Pedestrian Phases at Traffic Signals in Appendix A of the report together with the associated Technical Procedure.
- (2) Authorises the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy or his nominee to review, amend or update the Technical Procedure in accordance with the Policy as he considers appropriate.

For further information please contact: Gafoor Din, Traffic Projects. Tel: 01926 412810, e-mail: gafoordin@warwickshire.gov.uk

14. Warwickshire County Council Submission to the DTI Energy Review

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

This report summarises the current Energy Review Consultation Paper – Our Energy Challenge (securing clean, affordable energy for the long term) – Have Your Say.

The paper contains a draft County Council response to the specific questions raised within it. The consultation is taking place at a highly relevant time and coincides with our work on developing a countywide Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. Cabinet is asked to consider and comment upon the draft response, which will then, subject to any amendments, be forwarded to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) prior to the consultation deadline of 14th April 2006. (Responses to EnergyReviewConsultation@dti.gsi.gov.uk)

Recommendation

That Cabinet agrees the response to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Energy Review attached as Appendix B to the report.

For further information please contact: Jacky Lawrence, Sustainability Group.
Tel: 01926 73 6324, e-mail: jackylawrence@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Charges to District Councils for the Disposal of Trade Waste

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The report recommends charges to District Councils for disposal of trade waste collected in 2006/07.

Recommendation

That the charges for the disposal of general trade waste collected by the District Councils in 2006/2007 be:-

Ling Hall - £32.19 per tonne
Wilnecote - £37.99 per tonne
Judkins - £45.16 per tonne
Hunters Lane - £56.07 per tonne

For further information please contact: Roy Burton, Waste Management
Tel: 01926 412593, e-mail: royburton@warwickshire.gov.uk

16. Request for Financial Assistance for Home Adaptation for a Disabled Person

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

This report deals with a proposed loan for a house extension for a person with disabilities to facilitate access to basic facilities within the home.

The report also seeks delegated authority to enable the Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services to make such payments in future without reference to the Cabinet. These would then be included in the periodic review of the Capital Programme reported to Cabinet.

For further information please contact: Ann Morrison, Assistant Services Manager, Disabilities. Tel: 01926 414063, e-mail:

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or: Philip Lumley-Holmes, Financial Services Manager. Tel: 01926 412443, e-mail: philiplumley-holmes@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. North Leamington School - Best Value

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Local member - Councillor Michael Doody.

A report to describe the procedures to be put in place to ensure that best value is achieved in the procurement of the new North Leamington School.

Recommendation

That the strategy described in this report for achieving best value in redeveloping North Leamington School be approved.

For further information please contact: Steve Smith, Head of Property

Tel: 01926 412352, e-mail: stevensmith@warwickshire.gov.uk

or: Tony Phillips, Senior Project Manager. Tel: 01926 418641, e-mail: tonyphillips@warwickshire.gov.uk

18. Instrument of Government for New Woodlands School Opening in April 2006

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

Local member - Councillor Peter Fowler – Coleshill

Approval of the draft instrument of government for the new Woodlands School opening in April 2006.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the draft instrument of government for Woodlands School as described in Appendix A of the Strategic Director's report.

For further information please contact: Mary Aitken, Governor Support Officer.
Tel: 01926 412115, e-mail: maryaitken@warwickshire.gov.uk

19. Railways Act 2005 – Consultation on Provisions on Closures and Minor Modifications

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The Department for Transport has published consultation on the implementation of the Closures and Minor Modifications provisions of the Railways Act 2005. The provisions set out criteria for the possible withdrawal of railway services and closure of railway stations. It is recommended that Cabinet notes the contents of the report and approves the proposed response of the County Council.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the proposed response to the Department for Transport's consultation on the implementation of the Railways Act 2005 Provisions on Closures and Minor Modifications.

For further information please contact: Daniel Caldecote, Transport Planning Unit. Tel: 01926 735665 , e-mail: danielcaldecote@warwickshire.gov.uk

20. Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003: Sale of Aerosols to Minors

The report of the Strategic Director, Adult, Health & Community Services.

Section 54 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 makes it an offence for a person to sell an aerosol paint container to a person under the age of sixteen. This report asks the Cabinet to delegate the duty to enforce this to the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services. Through the recent budget process, Council have decided to pursue a campaign to secure compliance and allocated the necessary funding.

Recommendation

That the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services or his/her nominee be authorised to exercise the functions of the County Council in relation to offences concerning the sale of alcohol to children under Section 54 the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and that the Strategic Director of Performance and Development be requested accordingly to amend Paragraph 13 of Part 6, Section 10, Part 2 of the Constitution to include references to the above.

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

21. Irrecoverable Debt

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

A company owing the County Council money has gone into voluntary liquidation and Legal Services have established that there are no known assets and no chance of the outstanding amount of £1,550.00 being recovered.

Recommendation

That the debt worth £1,550.00 outlined in this report be written off as irrecoverable.

For further information please contact: David Preece, Financial Services Manager. Tel: 01926 412836, e-mail davidpreece@warwickshire.gov.uk

22. Smallholdings Estate: Maintenance and Improvement Liability Recovery

The report of the Directorate of Environment and Economy.

This report requests agreement to raise the cap level of funds to bring the County Smallholdings Estate into good condition from £287,000 to £375,000 from receipts for the sale of Smallholding Estate land as agreed by the Smallholdings Panel on 29th November 2005.

Recommendation:

That the proportion of receipts from the sale of Smallholding Estate land to be used for strategic land purchases and essential maintenance and improvement of the Smallholdings Estate, capped at £287,000 be raised to £375,000 to bring the County Council Farm Estate into good condition.

For further information please contact: Charlotte Cox, Tel: 01926 412369
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23. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

24. 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).

25. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2006 and Matters Arising.

26. 2006/2007 Annual Efficiency Statement

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

The report provides members with the opportunity to comment on the Fire and Rescue Service draft Annual Efficiency Statement for 2006/2007 to be submitted to the ODPM by 10th April 2006.

Recommendations:

- (1) To note the requirements placed on the Fire Authority as a result of the Government's efficiency agenda.
- (2) To comment on the draft 2006/2007 AES prior to its approval by the Strategic Director of Community Protection / County Fire Officer, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and the Strategic Director of Resources.

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 or: Helen Murphy, Financial Services Manager. Tel: 01926 466218, e-mail: helenmurphy@warwickshire.gov.uk

27. Southam Town Centre Redevelopment

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Local member – Councillor John Appleton.

A report to look at the present position regarding the feasibility of establishing a Joint Service Centre One Stop Shop in Southam. It was proposed that a further report would be submitted when negotiations have developed further.

For further information please contact: Steve Cooper, Principal Estates Surveyor.
Tel: (01926) 416128, e-mail: stevecooper@warwickshire.gov.uk

28. Rugby Paddox Primary School - Payment of Compensation

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

Local member - Councillor Richard Dodd.

A report to request approval to negotiate a compensation settlement with the claimant

For further information please contact: Geoff Taylor, Deputy Urban Estates Services Manager. Tel: (01926) 412521, e-mail: geofftaylor@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Councillor Richard Hobbs (**Community Safety**),
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Councillor Bob Stevens (**Performance Management**),
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Non-voting Invitees - Councillor June Tandy (**Leader of the Labour Group**)
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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

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