

Cabinet Agenda

4th May 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 4TH MAY 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.

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**(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April 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. Announcement by Peugeot of the Closure of the Ryton Plant

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy. **TO FOLLOW**

Cabinet will consider the consequences of the recent announcement about the proposed closure of the Peugeot plant at Ryton.

For further information please contact: David S. Williams, County Economic Development Officer. Tel: 01926 412401, e-mail: davidswilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk

3. Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector

The report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

The report introduces a Strategy for Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector in the period from 2006 to 2111 and summarises the development and consultation process followed in producing the Strategy.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2006-2111 for implementation.

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

4. Anti-Social Behaviour in Warwickshire

The report of the Chair of the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The report summarises the approach taken by the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the multi-agency approach taken to address Anti-Social Behaviour in Warwickshire and outlines the subsequent outcomes.

Cabinet is asked to lend its support to the use of the additional resources allocated to the Community Safety budget to raise the profile of the issues highlighted.

Recommendation from the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

That Cabinet supports the use of the extra resources allocated to the Community Safety budget to raise the priority of the issues listed in the report.

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5. White Paper: Our Health, Our Care, Our Say

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

The report provides an outline of the main thrusts of the White Paper “ Our Health, Our Care, Our Say” and an initial assessment of local issues for adult social care, health and well being pending a further report.

Recommendation

That Cabinet supports the development of local partnership working to offer better community based health care services and to requests further reports on developing this agenda as soon as possible.

For further information please contact: Graeme Betts, Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services. Tel: 01926 412198, e-mail graemebetts@warwickshire.gov.uk or Michael Hake, Interim Head of Services Tel: 01926 412198.

6. Funding for the Customer Service Centre

The report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development on behalf of the Modernisation Fund Group.

The report sets out a recommendation from the Modernisation Fund Group (established by Council in February) for additional funding for the Customer Service Centre.

Recommendation from the Modernisation Fund Group

That Cabinet approves the additional funding of £785,000 to meet the existing shortfall for 2006/07 and recognise that a further £500,000 will be required for staffing and further development work within the Customer Service Centre during 2006/07.

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davidcarter@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Kushal Birla, Head of Customer Service and Access. Tel: 01926 736362 , e-mail: kushalbirla@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Proposed Zebra Crossing at Rushbrook Road near Wordsworth Avenue, Bridgetown, Stratford-upon-Avon

The report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

Local members - Councillors Richard Hyde and Mike Perry.

The report relates to a Zebra Crossing which has been proposed as part of a traffic management scheme for Bridgetown, funded through the Trinity Mead development. The crossing forms part of the Safer Routes to School initiative, local safety schemes and a facility for Quality Pedestrian Corridors.

The proposal was agreed by the Stratford on Avon Area Committee on the 15th March. The Area Committee's decision was subsequently called-in by Councillor Izzie Secombe, in her capacity as a Cabinet member, for determination by the Cabinet.

Recommendation

That Cabinet considers the proposal.

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

8. Additional Road Maintenance Funding - North Warwickshire

The report of the Chair of the North Warwickshire Area Committee.

The North Warwickshire Area Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy setting out the Capital Programme for Transport 2006-07 in the North Warwickshire Area. Additional to the delegated budget of £40,000 for transport projects, is an amount of £300,000 available for capital funded road maintenance schemes. The Area Committee agreed to request approval from the Cabinet to use the allocation of £300,000 for structural road maintenance and improvement schemes.

Recommendation

That Cabinet gives approval for the use of the delegated budget of £300,000 for capital funded structural road maintenance schemes be expanded to include road improvements.

For further information please contact: Alison Williams, North Warwickshire Area Tel: 01827 721084, e-mail: alisonwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Ann Mawdsley, Senior Committee Administrator. Tel: 01926 418079, e-mail: annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

9. School Term and Holiday Dates 2007/08

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

This report asks Cabinet to approve the school term and holiday dates for 2007/08.

Recommendation:

That the school term and holiday dates calendar for 2007/08 attached as Appendix A to the Strategic Director's report be adopted.

For further information please contact: Craig Pratt, Principal Administrative Officer. Tel: 01926 412001, e-mail: craigpratt@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. Procurement Policy - Concordat for Local Businesses

The report of the Chair of the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

In March 2005 the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) issued the Small Business Friendly Concordat Good Practice Guidance, which gives best practice procurement guidance for both Local Authorities and suppliers. The County Council has been working beyond these guidelines for some time.

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, having considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy, on 16 March 2006, on this issue recommends that Cabinet adopt the Small Business Friendly Concordat Good Practice Guide.

Recommendation from the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

That Cabinet adopts the Small Business Friendly Concordat Good Practice Guide.

For further information please contact: Jean Hardwick , Principal Committee Administrator. Tel: 01926 412476, e-mail: jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk
or: Leigh Hunt, Business Support Officer. Tel: 01926 412247, e-mail: leighhunt@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Response to the Consultation on the Revision of England's Waste Strategy

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

England's Waste Strategy was published in 2000. It set out how England's waste

should be managed, setting challenging targets for recycling, composting and recovery of waste. The Government has published a review of the Strategy, with the proposal to publish the revised Strategy later in the year. The overall approach of the review is supported.

Recommendation

That Cabinet supports the proposed response to the review of England's Waste Strategy.

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

12. Government Consultations on EU Funding Proposals for 2007-2013 and the UK's New Assisted Areas Map

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The Government is consulting on its proposals for the new Structural Fund programme, new England Rural Development programme and new Assisted Areas map. This report summarises the main issues in the three consultations and requests Cabinet support for the steps being taken to maximise the benefits of future regional policy and funding for Warwickshire.

Recommendation

That Cabinet:-

- (1) Supports the steps being taken to maximise the benefits of future regional policy and funding for Warwickshire.
- (2) Requests further reports as the new European Union (EU) funding programmes and new UK Assisted Areas map develop.

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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)

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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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 1, 3, 4 & 5 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 6th April 2006 and Matters Arising.

16. Funding the Implementation of the Equal Pay Strategy

The report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendation of the Modernisation Fund Group relating to the allocation of resources from the Modernisation Fund to support the costs of implementing the Equal Pay Strategy.

For further information please contact: David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance & Development. Tel: 01926 412564, e-mail davidcarter@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. Warwick - 31 Shakespeare Avenue

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Local member - Councillor Raj Randev:

The report seeks approval to sell 31 Shakespeare Avenue, Warwick.

For further information please contact: Harvinder Singh, Estates Surveyor. Tel: 01926 418093, e-mail: harvindersingh@warwickshire.gov.uk

**Shire Hall,
Warwick**

**JIM GRAHAM,
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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.

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