

Cabinet

Agenda

15th June 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE 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 25th May 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. Developing the Corporate Business Plan 2006-9

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The draft Corporate Business Plan (CBP) 2006-9 presents the medium term priorities for the County Council, with the actions and targets which will deliver them. As the organisation is in the middle of the major change of modernisation this plan is still in a transitional form between the old and the new, which will emerge in next year's plan. The CBP contains key actions, targets and milestones which will form the basis for reporting performance. The plan will form part of the Council's statutory Best Value Performance Plan 2006/7

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the final draft Corporate Business Plan 2006-9 to go forward for adoption by the County Council on 27th June 2006, subject to the targets being finalised in the last stage of service plan production.

For further information please contact: Susan Littlewood, Corporate Planning Manager. Tel: 01926 412753, e-mail: susanlittlewood@warwickshire.gov.uk

3. Adult and Community Learning Development Plan 2006/07

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

All Local Authority Adult Education Services that are funded by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) are required annually to draw up Adult and Community Learning Development Plans for the period of their next contract with the LSC - in this instance for the period August 2006 to 2007. This plan builds on the work carried out through previous plans. The report was considered by the Adult & Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 17 May 2006.

Recommendation of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That the Cabinet recommends to full Council, the adoption of the Adult and Community Learning Development Plan 2006/07.

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For further information please contact: Ann Mawdsley, Senior Committee Administrator. Tel: 01926 418079, e-mail: annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Peter Sutton, Head of the Adult and Community Learning Service. Tel: 01926 738574, e-mail: petersutton@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Developing Telecare in Warwickshire

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

Warwickshire is in receipt of the Preventative Technology Grant from the Department of Health to stimulate the development of telecare services. The development of telecare will be most effectively undertaken in partnership with the District/Borough Councils and PCTs and other key stakeholders.

In order to make speedy progress, it is proposed that subject to appropriate safeguards Warwickshire enters into a partner agreement with the Northern Housing Consortium, who provide a consultancy service and access to a procurement service for the purchase of telecare equipment.

Recommendation:

- (1) That Cabinet approves and authorises the County Council to procure telecare equipment through the arrangements put in place by the Northern Housing Consortium (“NHC”), which procurement will be funded by a Preventative Technology Grant.
- (2) That Cabinet approves and authorises the County Council to negotiate and enter into:
 - (a) A partnership agreement with NHC;
 - (b) A supply agreement/s with the framework contractor/s appointed by NHC pursuant to the EU procurement undertaken by NHC; and
 - (c) Partnership arrangements with district and borough councils and other community alarm providers (and potentially also PCTs) in Warwickshire.

In each case, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director of Performance and Development, the Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services.

- (3) A further report detailing the implementation plans for telecare be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to Cabinet within six months.

For further information please contact: Jon Whiting, Service Manager Older People's Services. Tel: 02476 746427, e-mail: jonwhiting@warwickshire.gov.uk

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5. **A Summary of the Draft Report produced by Coventry City Council on the Coventry and Warwickshire Breastfeeding Review Document**

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

Coventry City Council led a grant application with Warwickshire County Council to the Centre for Public Scrutiny to support an action research framework for this scrutiny review. This summary document gives a brief outline of the aims and eight themes chosen by the board with recommendations on how services could be improved to support/enable women to breastfeed in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet considers the recommendation from Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Council reviews its employer practices with a view to supporting breastfeeding and report back to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) That Cabinet considers whether it wishes to endorse any of the recommendations outlined in a summary of the draft document provided by Coventry City Council

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6. **Transport for Non-entitled Pupils**

The report of the Chair of the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A Home to School Task and Finish Group was set up by the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review home to school transport for non-entitled pupils and pupils attending denominational schools. This report follows a consultation exercise and was considered by the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 18 May 2006.

Recommendation of the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That the Cabinet agrees to introduce a Vacant Seats Policy on vehicles operated under contract to the Council which are not registered as local bus services from September 2007, taking into account the comments of the Children, Young People & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the introduction of instalments.

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7. Transport to Denominational Schools

The report of the Chair of the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A Home to School Task and Finish Group was set up by the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review home to school transport for non-entitled pupils and pupils attending denominational schools. This report follows a consultation exercise and was considered by the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 18 May 2006.

Recommendation of the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That the Cabinet agrees to introduce a charge for transport to denominational schools for future pupils who do not practice the faith of the school attended unless the school is the nearest appropriate school to the parental home, the new policy to be phased in from September 2007.

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8. Domestic Violence – A Strategy for Warwickshire

Report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection.

The Domestic Violence Strategic Board, a partnership group supported by a number of agencies, has developed a 3 year strategy for Warwickshire to tackle Domestic Abuse, supported by a 12 month action plan which includes specific outcomes. This has already been endorsed by the five Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships in Warwickshire, as well as all the agencies involved in developing the strategy. In addition, the Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee has reviewed and supported this strategy. The Cabinet is now asked to endorse this strategy so that it can be published as a public document to demonstrate the work that is being undertaken in Warwickshire.

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Recommendation:

That Cabinet endorses the Domestic Violence Strategy on behalf of the County Council.

For further information please contact: Sonia Mayo, Domestic Violence Manager. Tel: 07795 236908, e-mail soniamayo@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

9. Risk Assessment of the County Council's Strategic Priorities

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The paper presents the reassessment by Strategic Directors of the strategic risks to the delivery of the County Councils priorities, with proposed actions to mitigate the risks where necessary. This is part of the Council's Business Planning process.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet endorses the summary of strategic risks facing the County Council in delivering its objectives and the actions to mitigate them where necessary

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10. Recycling Credits

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report details rates for recycling credits for 2006/07 and recommends arrangements for paying certain third parties recycling credits.

Recommendation;

That the arrangements for Third Parties be those detailed in paragraph 3.8 of the report.

For further information please contact: Roy Burton , Transport Planning Unit
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11. Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership Station Improvements

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

A Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership (Station Improvements) would provide an opportunity for the County Council to formalise partnership working with Network Rail, Central Trains, Chiltern Railways, Virgin Trains (West Coast) and Virgin Trains (Cross Country). It is envisaged that the Partnership would be able to deliver improvements to station facilities more effectively than if each organisation worked in isolation.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the proposed Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership Station Improvements with details of the Partnership to be acceptable to the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

For further information please contact: Daniel Caldecote, Transport Planning Unit
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12. Countywide Bus Shelter Maintenance and Advertising Contract

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Cabinet will be asked to consider authorising a countywide contract for the cleaning, maintenance and repair of bus shelters and street furniture and a separate countywide contract for advertising on bus shelters and other free standing plinths in return for a revenue payment to the County Council.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy, on terms satisfactory to the Strategic Director for Performance and Development, to award:-

- (1) A countywide contract for the cleaning, maintenance and repair of bus shelters and street furniture.
- (2) A countywide contract for advertising on bus shelters and other free standing plinths in return for a revenue payment to the County Council.

For further information please contact: Daniel Caldecote, Transport Planning Unit
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13. Any Other Items

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

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PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

14. Report Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

To consider passing the following resolution:

‘That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the item mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 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 25th May 2006 and Matters Arising.

**Shire Hall,
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**JIM GRAHAM,
Chief Executive**

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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.

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