

Cabinet

Agenda

27th June 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE 2006** at **10.00 A.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 Secombe, 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 15th June 2006 and Matters Arising.
(To Follow).**

(4) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

PART A - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (WHITE PAPERS)

2. 2005/2006 Final Revenue Outturn

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The final revenue spending of the Council in 2005/2006 was £491.295 million. This represents a £9.234 million service underspend compared to the latest approved budget of £500.529 million (excluding contributions to and from the Capital Fund). The report provides a summary of the overall position, with the details of individual service spending in the attached appendices.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the 2005/2006 final revenue spending and the reserves position at the year-end.
- (2) Approve the recommendation of the Strategic Director of Resources not to transfer any funds to general reserves in respect of departmental carry forwards.
- (3) Approve the use of £1,574,000 of TSF (the Standards Fund) funds in 2006/2007.
- (4) Note the reduction of £299,000 in the 2006/2007 budget for Adult, Health & Community Services Directorate and £330,000 for the Environment & Economy Directorate to repay the overdrawn reserves at the year end.
- (5) Approve the use of £184,000 of general reserves to fund the Customer Service Centre overspend in 2005/2006.
- (6) Approve the use of £1,971,000 service savings to support the 2006/2007 Revenue Budget as outlined in the report.

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3. Capital Outturn 2005/2006

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

This report details the Council's 2005/06 capital spending and how it has been financed. The report shows how capital spending has changed since the third

quarter monitoring report to the Cabinet on 2 February 2006 and asks the Cabinet to agree the carry forward of funding resources into 2006/07.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- (1) notes the 2005/06 outturn capital spending of £64.054 million, detailed in Table 1 of the report, and its financing (Table 2), and
- (2) agrees the carry over of surplus funding resources into 2006/07, where necessary, to fund the existing capital programme.

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4. Statement of Accounts and Statement on Internal Control 2005/2006

The report of the Strategic Director, Resources.

The report presents the Statement of Accounts and Statement on Internal Control for 2005/2006 and provides an explanatory note of the key issues.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet recommends that the Council approve the unaudited Statement of Accounts for 2005/2006.
- (2) That the Cabinet recommend that the Council approve the Statement on Internal Control for 2005/2006.

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5. Best Value Performance Report 2006/07

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development.

The Best Value Performance Report 2006/07 is presented to Cabinet for approval, before publication.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the attached Best Value Performance Report for 2006-07 for publication on 30th June.

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Officer. Tel: 01926 412559, e-mail colingordon@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Sue Littlewood, Corporate Planning Manager. Tel: 01926 412753, e-mail: susanlittlewood@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Developing Adult, Health & Community Services

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

This report sets out the proposed strategic direction for the Adult Health and Community Services Directorate. It makes proposals for the development of the structure, systems and culture of the organisation.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet agree the proposals in the report for the structure of the new Directorate.

For further information please contact: Graeme Betts, Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services. Tel: 01926-412083, e-mail: graemebetts@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Role of Director of Adult Services

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

To report receipt of Statutory Guidance on the role of the Director of Adult Social Services; the related strategic, political and operational expectations; and, to outline local arrangements for securing consistency.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) Receive and note the Department of Health guidance issued under Section 7[1] of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 on the Statutory Chief Officer Post of the Director of Adult Social Services and related best practice guidance.
- (2) Note the assessment of local consistency with these requirements and the provisions in relation to political focus on adult social services.
- (3) Endorse the approach outlined in this report for taking forward the agenda outlined by Government in the context of the Council's process of modernisation and the design and delivery of operational and partnership arrangements through the new directorate.

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8. Delivering the Customer Service & Access Strategy

The report of the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The reports sets out recommendations for the Cabinet to consider for the delivery of the Customer Service & Access Strategy.

Recommendations:

- (1) Approves the Customer Service and Access Strategy 2006-2009.
- (2) Supports the roll out of the next phase of development of the Customer Service Centre as outlined in this report.
- (3) Supports the development of a business case for an integrated Customer Service Centre and Joint One Stop Shops with Warwick District Council and recognises that one element of this aim can be delivered within existing capital and revenue resources through the development of a One Stop Shop at Shire Hall.
- (4) Recognises that the potential of the existing One Stop Shop at Kenilworth Library can be developed further.
- (5) Supports the development of a One Stop Shop at King's House Bedworth funded from within existing capital resources and the next phase of Customer Service Centre resources as per recommendation 2 above.
- (6) Supports a multi-site pilot of kiosks.
- (7) Supports the development of business cases for at least two more One Stop Shops, at least one of which will be located in an extended school.
- (8) That the funding for the programme be as follows:-
 - Funding from the modernisation fund of £350k (£250k for Kings House and the Customer Service Centre and £100k for e-Access Points) in 2006/2007 and £250k in 2007/08 for Kings House and the Customer Service Centre
 - Future year costs should be funded from either:
 - Efficiency savings delivered within Directorates achieved through re-engineering processes/back office in conjunction with the Customer Service Centre; or
 - Specific budget allocations where Members have approved the provision of enhanced services.
- (9) That all services which are capable of delivery through the Customer Service Centre, e-access and other forms of integrated customer service access points are reviewed from end to end by business process re-engineering to ensure that the benefits to customers and efficient service delivery are maximised.

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9. 2005/06 Backward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement and Quality Crosscheck

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

The report seeks members' approval to submit the 2005/06 Annual Efficiency Statements for the Council and Fire Authority to the DCLG

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:-

- (1) Approve the draft 2005/06 Backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statement for the County Council attached at Appendix A to the report.
- (2) Authorise the Strategic Director of Resources in consultation with the Leaders and Chief Executive, to make any changes necessary to the County Council's 2005/06 Backward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement prior to its submission to the Government on 6 July 2006.
- (3) Approve the draft 2005/06 Backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statement for the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority attached at Appendix B to the report.
- (4) Authorise the Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer in consultation with the Head of the Fire and Rescue Authority (Cllr Hobbs acting in this capacity), Cllr Shilton and Cllr Chattaway to make any changes necessary to the Fire
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- (5) and Rescue Authority 2005/06 Backward-Looking Annual Efficiency Statement prior to its submission to the Government on 6 July 2006.

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10. Warwickshire Youth Justice Plan

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

The report introduces the objectives of the annual Youth Justice Plan, performance during 2005 and priorities/objectives for 2006/07. The Cabinet is asked to endorse Warwickshire's Youth Justice Plan 2006/07 and recommend it

be adopted by the Council.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet is asked to endorse Warwickshire's Youth Justice Plan 2006/07.

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11. Admissions to Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar Schools

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

Local members - Councillors Richard Hyde and Mike Perry – Stratford South.

This report summarises the outcome of consultation on proposed changes to the admission arrangements to the Stratford grammar schools.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the administrative changes to the selection process outlined in para. 3.1.1 of the report be agreed but that the changes proposed under 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 not be pursued.
- (2) That admission arrangements to Stratford Girls' Grammar School remain as now with an 'automatic' qualifying score as set by the Adjudicator and a maximum of 22 further places offered as vacancies become available and that the governors of King Edward VI School are advised to in the same terms.

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12. Any Other Items

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

**Shire Hall,
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**JIM GRAHAM,
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The reports referred to are available in large print if requested.