

# 13 July 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on THURSDAY, 13 July 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 27 June 2006 and Matters Arising.

(4) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

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

# 2. Composite Performance Report 2005/06 (April 2005 – March 2006) and Key Messages from Public Consultation.

The report provides an analysis of the Council's performance for the full year 2005/06 (the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006) as part of the Performance Management Framework. It reports on performance against the key actions from the Corporate Business Plan, Corporate Headline Indicators (CHIs) and Key Messages from Public Consultation.

#### Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet notes the contents of the report and note that full year reports from individual departments will be reported to relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- (2) That Cabinet identifies any aspects of performance where they believe there is potential to improve and consider the performance issues raised in the report that may require attention.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the Key Messages from Public Consultation identified in the report.
- (4) That Cabinet supports the review of the Council's planning and performance management framework.

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# 3. A Medium Term Financial Planning and Budget Process

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

The report seeks approval of a revised medium term financial planning strategy for recommendation to Council. In light of the strategy the report also



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seeks approval to a medium term financial planning and budget process that will enable delivery of the strategy to be taken forward.

### **Recommendations:**

That the Cabinet approve:

- (1) The model of medium term financial planning outlined in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the report;
- (2) The medium term financial planning strategy outlined in paragraph 5.2 and its recommendation to Council for approval;
- (3) The medium term financial planning and annual budget process, as outlined in section 9 of the report;
- (4) The timetable for delivering this in time for setting the 2007/08 budget and 2007/08 to 2009/10 medium term financial plan shown in section 11;

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## 4. Strategic Review of Services for Young People

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

The report outlines the result of the consultation agreed by Cabinet on 17th November 2005.

#### Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet is asked to support the recommendations outlined in section 5 of the report as guiding principles when developing the services for young people in the county:
- (2) To develop and link relevant strategies around regular participation and consultations with both young people and parents/carers. To ensure willing volunteers are recruited to help with future consultations.
- (3) To move to a position where we can clearly demonstrate the impact of consultation on services for young people.
- (4) To continue to build on the strength of the partnerships that make significant contributions to the agenda in order to overcome some of the issues faced by young people who live in rural areas.
- (5) To continue to offer both structured activities and places to meet informally.

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- (6) To have a focal point to collate and disseminate information about a range of services and support for all young people, i.e. interactive web mail.
- (7) To consider how we develop the youth offer following the consultation, including the name of the service.

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#### 5. Review of the Area Community Education Councils (ACECs) and Future Funding Arrangements

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

The report seeks Cabinet approval for the future arrangements for the funds which ACECs allocated. This is related to the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.

#### **Recommendations:**

- (1) That the proposed funding arrangements following the review of the Area Community Education Councils be approved with effect from April 2007.
- (2) That the funds referred to in para. 2.4 of the report (£32,000) be allocated across the Area Committees using an appropriate formula.
- (3) That the details of the formula be determined in due course following further consultation with the Chairs of the Area Committees.
- (4) That further consideration be given by the Strategic Director of Performance and Development in consultation with the Chairs of the Area Committees to the development of a process to facilitate easy access to small grants by community groups.
- (5) That a further report be brought back to Cabinet by the Strategic Director of Performance and Development in the Autumn of 2006.

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#### 6. The Proposed Closure of the Peugeot Assembly Plant at Ryton-on-Dunsmore

The report of Councillor Mick Jones, Chair of the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a special meeting on 6 June 2006 scrutinised the implications of the redundancies and potential closure of the Peugeot plant at Ryton-on-Dunsmore.

The Committee welcomed the initiatives that had been set up by the Peugeot Partnership to help the Peugeot employees who were facing redundancy, recorded its concerns about the possibility of an early closure of the plant and the need to review the situation again in September/early October.

The Committee also considered that there was need for direction about the future use of the site and that any future discussions on this issue should include the County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Ryton Parish Council.

#### **Recommendations:**

That the Cabinet notes -

- (1) the outcome of the discussions of the Committee's special meeting held on 6 June 2006;
- (2) that the Committee will review the situation again in September or early October 2006;
- (3) that the Committee has thanked the officers and the Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Partnership for their work in providing support for the Peugeot employees facing redundancy.

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# 7. Learnington Urban Mixed Priority (LUMP) Project Review

The report of Councillor Ken Browne, Chair of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 8 June 2006, considered the joint report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy, Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director of



Performance and Development, on the LUMP scheme which was referred from the Cabinet on 12 January 2006.

The Committee asked that the Cabinet be informed of its concerns with regard to the overspend on Phase 1 and of the re-assurances given by Officers with regard to Phase 2 keeping within budget. The Committee also asked for an immediate report in the event of any anticipated further overspend on Phase 2; a further report once the project is complete and the costs established; and a report to the September meeting with further information on utility services liability for unmapped services and potential liability in respect of HGVs parking on pavements.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Cabinet note its –

- concerns with regard to the overspend on Phase 1 of the Learnington Urban Mixed Priority Project, and the re-assurances given with regard to Phase 2 keeping within budget;
- (2) request for a report in September 2006 with further information on utility services liability for unmapped services and potential liability in respect of HGVs parking on pavements;
- (3) request for an immediate report in the event that there is any further anticipated overspend on Phase 2;
- (4) request for a further report regarding the overspend once the project is complete and the costs established.

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#### 8. World Class Stratford

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report seeks approval for the Council to participate in the World Class Stratford Project and to enter into an agreement with the Stratford on Avon District Council regarding the delivery of the County based projects.



#### **Recommendations:**

- (1) That the Cabinet approves and authorises the Council to participate in the 'World Class' Stratford scheme in particular with the development and delivery of the WCC projects ie the Proposed Foot and Cycle Bridge and the Waterside and Southern Lane pedestrian priority schemes.
- (2) That the Cabinet approves and authorises the Council to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement in partnership with the Stratford on Avon District Council to deliver the County based projects on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director of Performance and Development, the Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.
- (3) That a further report detailing the implementation plans for the Projects, including proposals for any procurement of the Projects, be presented to the Cabinet within six months.

For further information please contact: Sue Ashley, Town Centres Regeneration Manager. Tel. 01926 412818, e-mail sueashley@warwickshire.gov.uk

# 9. Change to the Indicated Admission Number of Nathaniel Newton Infant School

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

Local member - Cllr Richard Grant – Hartshill

The report asks the Cabinet to note the feedback from the consultation to increase the Indicated Admission Number of Nathaniel Newton Infant School and to decide on the way forward.

#### **Recommendations:**

- (1) That the feedback from the consultation to reduce the admission number of Nathaniel Newton Infant School be noted.
- (2) That in the light of this feedback, the Cabinet:
  - either agrees the reduction in the admission number of Nathaniel Newton Infant School for September 2007 admissions and then undertakes a review of priority areas based on this new admission number,
  - or reviews the primary school priority areas and then re-consults on a reduction in the admission number of Nathaniel Newton Infant School for September 2008.



For further information please contact: Phil Astle, Assistant Head of Service – Service Planning. Tel: 01926 412820, e-mail: philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 10. Using User & Carer Feedback to Help Shape Adult Social Care

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

The report provides an overview of user and carer involvement and feedback, including the outcomes of the most recent Customer First Conference and identifies issues to be considered within the adult social care service planning process for 2006/07.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet notes the main feedback themes identified in the report and endorses the intention to utilise them in service planning and development in 2006/07.

For further information please contact: Kim Bolton, Customer First Team. Tel: 01926 412121, e-mail: kinbolton@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Michael Hake, Interim Head of Service. Tel: 01926 412189, e-mail: michaelhake@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 11. Coventry City Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy -Issues and Options

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The document is the first stage in the production of the Core Strategy for the City's Local Development Framework. The Issues and Options set out alternative scenarios as to how the city could grow over the next 20 years. There is a six week consultation process where Stakeholders may comment on the issues and options.

# **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet endorses the conclusions of paragraph 4.1 of the Director's report and that Coventry City Council be advised accordingly.

For further information please contact: Tony Lyons, Planning Policy Tel: 01926 412391, e-mail: tonylyons@warwickshire.gov.uk

## 12. Chiltern Railways – Proposed December 2006 Timetable

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

Local member - Councillor Josie Compton.

Chiltern Railways are proposing some significant changes to its services. The report outlines these and describes the impacts on passengers in Warwickshire. The Cabinet will consider a response that the County Council is not willing to support the changes to services proposed in the Chiltern December 2006 Timetable. The Cabinet will also be asked to consider making representations to the Department for Transport.

#### **Recommendations:**

That the Cabinet authorises:-

- (1) A response be made to Chiltern Railways in the terms of the draft in Appendix B to the effect that the County Council is not willing to support the changes to services proposed in the Chiltern December 2006 Timetable.
- (2) A representation be made to the Department for Transport (DfT) setting out the views of the County Council and requesting that it should not approve the changes to the terms of the Chiltern Railways Franchise Agreement which would reduce the current contracted levels of services and station calls.

For further information please contact: Peter Barnett, Transport Planning Unit. Tel: 01926 735666, e-mail: peterbarnett@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 13. South West Warwick Priority Junction

The joint report of the Strategic Director of Resources and the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

Local member - Cllr Raj Randev – Warwick West.

The report seeks Cabinet approval to add the project to the 2006/2007 capital programme

#### **Recommendation:**

That the scheme to construct a priority junction on the A429, Stratford Road, Warwick, be included in the 2006/2007 capital programme at an estimated cost of £466,000 subject to a S.278 agreement being signed with the developer.

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

#### 14. Value for Money Strategy

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report seeks the Cabinet's approval for the updated Value for Money Strategy.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet approves the Value for Money Strategy attached at Appendix A.

For further information please contact: Virginia Rennie, Principal Committee Tel: 01926 412476, e-mail: jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 15. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2005/06

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report provides the Cabinet with details of the outturn of the annual treasury management activity for the Council during 2005/06, as required by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA's) Code.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet note the report.

For further information please contact: Phil Triggs, Group Manager Tel: 01926 412227, e-mail: philtriggs@warwickshire.gov.uk

# 16. Constitution of a Temporary Governing Body for the Proposed New Rokeby Community Primary School

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

Local members – Councillors John Vereker and Ian Smith – Caldecott.

The Council needs to establish a temporary governing body for the proposed



new Community Primary School, following the publication of notice of its proposal to close Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School.

#### **Recommendation**:

That the Cabinet approves the arrangement described in the report for the constitution of a temporary governing body for the proposed new Rokeby Community Primary School.

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

#### 17. Irrecoverable Debts

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

Authority is requested to write off one irrecoverable debt. The Strategic Director of Performance and Development has advised that this debt cannot be pursued further or that it would be uneconomical to do so.

#### **Recommendation**:

That the debt outlined in the report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families amounting to  $\pounds$ 1,086.75 be written off as irrecoverable.

For further information please contact: Brian Smith, Acting Financial Services Manager. Tel: 01926 738424, e-mail: briansmith@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Jenny Shirley, Debt Recovery Officer. Tel: 01926 738422, e-mail: jennyshirley@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 18. Bishop Wulstan Catholic School

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

Local member - Cllr John Vereker - Caldecott

The report informs the Cabinet that the proposal to establish a 3-16 Catholic Academy in Rugby has been turned down by the DfES and proposes a further report to the Cabinet in the Autumn on Catholic provision in the town.

#### **Recommendations:**

(1) That the report be noted.

(2) That a further report on Catholic provision in Rugby be presented to the Area Committee and the Cabinet by the end of October 2006.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Head of Service (Education Partnerships. Tel: 01926 412887, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk

# 19. Highway Maintenance Plan 2006/2007 and Five Year List of Structural Maintenance Schemes

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report provides information about the highway maintenance work proposed in 2006/07 and lists other sites where maintenance work will be required in the future. It also includes information about changes to the Capital Programme which require the Cabinet's approval.

#### Recommendation

- (1) That the Cabinet approves the Highway Maintenance Plan 2006/07.
- (2) That the revised 2006-07 Capital Programme for the Structural Maintenance of Roads, detailed in Table 6.1 of the report, is approved.

For further information please contact: Roger Poole, Policy Engineer Tel: 01926 738980, e-mail: rogerpoole@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 20. North Warwickshire Quality Bus Initiative – Purchase of Buses

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

It is proposed to purchase a new fleet of "County-links" buses for the routes serving the Coleshill Parkway Transport Interchange and North Warwickshire. Tenders for the purchase have been returned. The report outlines the results of this tendering process and seeks approval for the purchase of seven new vehicles.

#### Recommendation

- (1) That the Cabinet approves the purchase of seven new high quality, low emission buses for the North Warwickshire Quality Bus Initiative at a total cost of £935,620.
- (2) That the Capital Programme for Transport be amended accordingly with the increased cost of £155,620 being found from savings elsewhere in the integrated transport budget for 2006/7.



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#### 21. Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy - Issues and Options

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report summarises the Minerals Development Plan Core Strategy Key Issues and Options which have been produced for informal consultation with stakeholders. Stakeholders comments have been incorporated into the refined Issues and Options paper prior to the formal six weeks consultation process in July, whereby Preferred Options will be chosen.

## **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet approves the Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy (Issues and Options) for a six week period of consultation commencing in July 2006.

For further information please contact: Tony Lyons, Planning Policy Tel: 01926 412391, e-mail: tonylyons@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 22. Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Waste Core Strategy -Preferred Options and Proposals Consultation

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Waste Core Strategy - Preferred Options and Proposals paper sets out the issues and a range of options for dealing with the scale and broad location of waste disposal facilities. It is due to go out for a six week period of consultation between August and October 2006 to give consultees an opportunity to comment on the Council's preferred options.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet:

- Approves the document "Waste Core Strategy Preferred Options and Proposals", incorporating the amendments recommended in Appendix A of the report, as the proposals of the County Council for the Waste Core Strategy for the purpose of public participation in accordance with Regulation 26 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004;
- (2) Authorises the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy to prepare related documents and carry out any other steps required by

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Regulation 26 or which he considers desirable to facilitate public participation in respect of those proposals.

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#### 23. Consultation on the 'New Cross Country' and 'West Midlands' Rail Franchises

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Department for Transport has published the consultation on the 'New Cross Country' and 'West Midlands' rail franchises. The consultation sets out the proposed time-table, route and service specifications for the two franchises that future short-listed bidders will be asked to price. It is recommended that the Cabinet notes the contents of the report and approves the proposed response of the County Council.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet approves the proposed response to the Department for Transport's consultation on the 'New Cross Country' and 'West Midlands' rail franchises.

For further information please contact: Daniel Caldecote, Transport Planning Unit

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#### 24. Any Other Items

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

# PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

# 25. 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 1,2 and 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).



#### 26. Vulnerable Adults – Internal Review Report and Recommendations

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

The Cabinet will consider the key findings from an internal review, recommendations for the strengthening of arrangements for the protection of vulnerable adults and management action consistent with statutory guidance on the responsibilities of Directors of Adult Social Services issued in March 2000 and May 2006.

For further information please contact: Graeme Betts, Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services. Tel: 01926 412819, e-mail: graemebetts@warwickshire.gov.uk

#### 27. Rugby Western Relief Road – Shortfall in Funding

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

There is a potential shortfall in allocated funding for the scheme. The Cabinet will consider giving authority to negotiate with the Department for Transport (DfT) over funding.

For further information please contact: Roger Newham, Chief Transport Planner. Tel: 01926 765663, e-mail: rogernewham@warwickshire.gov.uk

Shire Hall, Warwick JIM GRAHAM, Chief Executive

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

