

Cabinet

Agenda

7 September 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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.

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(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 July 2006 and Matters Arising.

(4) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

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

2. Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The Report summarises progress made to date in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA. Much work is currently in progress and it is anticipated that a verbal report will be made to the meeting and that the first draft LAA will be distributed to the Cabinet members for comment on or about 4th September 2006.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet notes the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA.
- (2) That the Cabinet makes such comments as it considers appropriate in relation to the first draft LAA (to be distributed on or about 4th September 2006)

For further information please contact: Nick Gower Johnson, County Partnerships Manager. Tel: 01926 412053, e-mail: nickgowerjohnson@warwickshire.gov.uk

3. Projected 2006/07 Revenue Net Spend as at Quarter 1

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report informs members of the projected net spend for 2006/07 based on information known at the end of the first quarter.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Notes the projected 2006/07 revenue net spend position and the

projected reserves at year-end, and requests departments to take appropriate management action to try to ensure that spending remains within budget.

- (2) Approves the contributions to and use of reserves totalling a net use of £651,000 in 2006/07 as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

For further information please contact: Sandra Dean, Budget Planning Officer. Tel: 01926 412242, e-mail: sandradean@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. 2006/07 to 2008/09 Capital Programme – Update as at Quarter 1

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report seeks members' approval to the changes to the capital programme since Council in February 2006.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet approves the additional projects at paragraph 6.2 of the report.
- (2) That the revised starts and payments totals for 2006/07 identified at paragraph 6.1 and in Tables 1 and 2 be approved.
- (3) That the Cabinet note the projections of spending and financing for future years.

For further information please contact: Charles Holden, Corporate Capital
Tel: 01926 412092, e-mail: charlesholden@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Review of the Local Schools Funding Formula

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

The report outlines a suggested process for reviewing the Authority's local schools funding formula. It seeks the Cabinet's approval to the process and asks for suggestions of any other areas of the formula that the Cabinet may want to be reviewed.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) approve the suggested process for analysing and reviewing the Authority's local school formula;
- (2) comment on the suggested areas for analysis and suggest any further areas for review; and

- (3) remit the monitoring of progress on the review to the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

For further information please contact: John Betts, Head of Service – Resources. Tel: 01926 742076, e-mail: johnbetts@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Community Protection Directorate Efficiency Saving Option

The report of the Chair, Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 25 July 2006 considered a report outlining the Efficiency Saving Option prepared by the Fire and Rescue Service. The Cabinet is asked to note that the report identifies the necessary level of budget reduction of 2.5% for the Community Protection Directorate as part of the County Council's annual efficiency statement. The Committee endorsed the Strategic Directors recommendations contained in the report and recommends that the Committee form a Working Party to identify savings for future years.

Recommendation from the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That the recommendations of the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer, as detailed in the report, are endorsed for the coming year and that the Committee form a Working Party to identify savings for the years ahead.

For further information please contact: Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator Tel: 01926 412476, e-mail: jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Glen Ranger, Assistant County Fire Officer. Tel: 01926 423231, e-mail: glenranger@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Delivering the Customer Service & Access Strategy – Progress report and Direction of Travel

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report sets out the progress made against the Customer Service & Access Strategy following its approval on 27th June, 2006 and outlines the direction of travel over the next six months.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Endorse progress made with development of the:
 - o One Stop Shop pilots
 - o Business Cases for the One Stop Shop pilots
 - o Business Process Re-engineering activity
 - o Warwickshire County Council/Warwick District Council Joint Customer Service Centre.
- (2) Endorse the current Direction of Travel to deliver the Customer Service & Access Strategy.
- (3) Approve the making of £27,000 capital grant in 2006/07 to fund the extension to be occupied by the Police at the planned One Stop Shop in Whitnash.
- (4) Approve Warwickshire County Council's participation with North Warwickshire Borough Council in a joint One Stop Shop and a further report being submitted to Cabinet on the 2nd November 2006 to consider options for funding.

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8. Rokeby Primary Schools

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

Local member - Cllr John Vereker – Caldecott.

This report seeks formal approval for the amalgamation of Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet confirm its decision to close Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School and establish a 4-11 community primary school with effect from September 2007.
- (2) That the new primary school continue to use the existing buildings of both schools to facilitate the transition to a one-form-entry school and allow for further exploration of the demand for extended school services in the Rokeby area.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Head of Service – Education Partnerships and School Development. Tel: 01926 742588, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Phil Astle, Assistant Head of Service Planning. Tel: 01926 742166, e-mail: philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Post-16 transport

Report asking Members to consider the future of supported post-16 transport for students.

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Recommendation:

That Members consider:

Either

(i) the introduction of an increased charge of £275 paid by students for post-16 transport from September 2007 in order to meet the funding gap arising from the decision taken during the Authority's 2006/07 budget process not to fund forecast cost increases,

or

(ii) the phasing out of supported transport over the next two years.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Head of Service – Education Partnerships and School Development. Tel: 01926 742588, e-mail markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk or Nick Williams, Assistant Head of Service – Pupil and Student Services. Tel: 01926 742071, e-mail nickwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

10. Corporate Asset Management Plan Performance Indicator Report

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The Cabinet is asked to approve the Asset Management Plan Property Performance Indicators, subject to any necessary last-minute amendments the Head of Property might deem necessary in consultation with the Resources Portfolio Holder. The Indicator Report was considered by the Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee who's views are included in the report.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) approves the Corporate AMP Performance Indicator Report at Appendix A to this report; and
- (2) agrees that in the event of any last-minute amendments being necessary, they be made by the Head of Property in consultation with the Resources Portfolio Holder.

For further information please contact: Rebecca Couch, Asset Management Co-ordinator. Tel: 01926 412354, e-mail: rebeccacouch@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Public Consultation on the 2007/08 Budget

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources

The report seeks the Cabinet's approval to the planned public consultation process on the 2007/08 budget.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) agree the proposals for public consultation on the 2007/08 Budget and Council Tax outlined in Section 3 of the report; and
- (2) support the recommendation, from Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, that District/Borough Councils and the Police Authority are invited to participate in the discussions and presentations at the Area Committees.

12. A Stronger Local Voice – New Arrangements for NHS Accountability

The joint report of the Strategic Directors of Performance and Development, Adult, Health and Community Services.

Patient and Public Involvement Forums will be replaced by Local Involvement Networks (LINKs). Local support for LINKs will be the responsibility of local authorities with social services responsibilities. Also the new commissioning guidance published at the same time has proposals for community action, both may have implications for WCC. The report provides a summary of the proposals being made and questions for comment. Comments for LINKs should be made by the 7 Sept 2006 and the new commissioning arrangements by 6 Oct 2006.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approve the responses to the questions in the letters attached to the report.

For further information please contact: Alwin McGibbon, Health Scrutiny Officer. Tel: 01926 412075, e-mail: alwinmcgibbon@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Jane Pollard, Overview & Scrutiny Manager Tel: 01926 412565, e-mail: janepollard@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. Savings from the Restructuring of the County Council

The report of the Chief Executive and Strategic Director, Resources

The report informs members of the progress in identifying the savings resulting from the restructuring of County Council Directorates.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the savings of £671,000 in 2006/07 and a further £21,000 in 2007/08, identified as a result of the restructuring of County Council Directorates: and
- (2) Approve the allocation of the savings identified to the Modernisation Fund, in the first instance, in accordance with the Council resolution.

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

14. A425 Banbury Road, Turnbolls Garden, Warwick - Right Turning Lane Priority Junction

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

Local member - Cllr Les Caborn, Bishops Tachbrook

The report seeks the Cabinet's approval to add the project to the 2006/07 capital programme.

Recommendation:

That the scheme to construct a right turn lane priority junction at Turnbolls Garden on the A425 Banbury Road, Warwick be included in the 2006/07 capital programme at an estimated cost of £340,000.

For further information please contact: Jane Haygreen, Principal Accountant Tel: 01926 412915, e-mail: janehaygreen@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Max McDonogh, Group Engineer Tel: 01926 412421, e-mail: maxmcdonogh@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Government Consultation on Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Government has issued a consultation paper about implementing the parking provisions in Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. This report recommends how the Council should respond.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet notes the contents of the Department for Transport's consultation paper on Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions and endorses a response as outlined in the report.

For further information please contact: Roger Bennett, Traffic Projects Group. Tel: 01926 412648, e-mail: rogerbennett@warwickshire.gov.uk

16. The Delegation of Powers for Determining Contested Minor Traffic Regulation Orders

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report proposes delegation to the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy of the power to determine minor Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been received.

Recommendation:

That the functions set out in Appendix A to the report be delegated to the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy and the Strategic Director of Performance and Development respectively.

For further information please contact: Shirley Reynolds, Traffic Projects Group. Tel: 01926 412404, e-mail: shirleyreynolds@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. Department for Transport Consultation on Draft Guidance on Intervention Criteria

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Traffic Management Act 2004 includes the concept of intervention by Government if local authorities fail to perform relating to the maintenance and improvement of the highway network. It also imposes a Network Management Duty, which requires local traffic authorities to manage the network effectively to keep traffic moving.

This report discusses the Governments current consultation on the draft intervention criteria and recommends how the Council should respond to the consultation.

Recommendation:

That a response to the consultation by the Department for Transport on the Draft Guidance on Intervention Criteria be submitted in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the report.

For further information please contact: Keith Davenport, Transport Planning. Tel 01926 735673, e-mail keithdavenport@warwickshire.gov.uk

18. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

19. 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).

20. **Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2006 and Matters Arising.**

Shire Hall,
Warwick
August 2006

JIM GRAHAM,
Chief Executive

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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.

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