

Cabinet

Agenda

12 October 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 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.

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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 7 September 2006 and Matters Arising.

(4) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

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

2. Programme of Items for Future Consideration

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report contains details of all items programmed for consideration by the Cabinet on the 2 and 23 November, 2006.

Recommendation:

That members note/ comment on the programme.

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

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

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This Report follows on from the 7th September 2006 report by giving a summary of progress to date and submitting the Draft LAA that was submitted to Government Office on 29th September 2006.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet notes the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA.
- (2) That the Cabinet endorses the Draft LAA as submitted to Government Office on 29th September 2006.

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

4. Developing Adult, Health & Community Services – Proposals on Structures

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services.

This report sets out the revised structures for Adult, Health & Community Services.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet agrees the revised 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

5. Developing Partnership Commissioning in Adult, Health and Social Care Services

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult, Health and Community Services.

This report proposes a programme of work to develop Partnership Commissioning in Adult Health and Social Care. It gives the national policy and local context for partnership commissioning in Warwickshire and describes the current state of partnership commissioning in the county.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet agrees the proposals for the programme of work to develop Partnership Commissioning in Adult, Health and Social Care Services.

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

6. Stratford and Warwick Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships - Proposed New Working Arrangements

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

A formal submission to merge the two existing Stratford on Avon and Warwick Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) into a single South Warwickshire CDRP is being prepared. This report sets out the case for a merger.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the proposal to develop a formal submission to merge the two existing Stratford on Avon and Warwick District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) into a new, single South Warwickshire CDRP be endorsed by the Cabinet.
- (2) That the draft submission be brought to the Cabinet, before it is submitted to the Home Secretary and following consultation with the Warwick and Stratford Area Committees.

For further information please contact: Kate Nash, Head of Community Safety. Tel: 01926 423231, e-mail: katenash@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Bishop Wulstan Catholic School

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

Local members – Councillors Ian Smith and John Vereker – Caldecott

This report informs the Cabinet of progress to date on alternative proposals for Catholic provision in the town and proposes further reports to the Area Committee and to the Cabinet in due course, in response to consultation on the future of Catholic provision in Rugby by the governors of the schools concerned and the Diocesan Schools Commission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Recommendations:

It is suggested that at this stage:

- (1) That the Cabinet note the report and welcome the work the Diocesan Schools Commission and the Catholic schools are undertaking to assess the support of the Catholic community for the proposals
- (2) That a response to the consultation document be prepared for the meeting of the Cabinet on 2nd November
- (3) That the Cabinet consider the final proposals of the DSC and the governing bodies of the Catholic schools in Rugby and the outcome of the consultation exercise at its meeting on 23rd November.

For further information please contact: Mark Gore, Head of Service (Education Partnerships). Tel: 01926 742588, e-mail: markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

8. Modernisation of Registration Services: development of service level agreement type relationship with Registrar General.

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report outlines the development of a new relationship with the Registrar General's Office, moving away from a rigid scheme assessment to a service level agreement arrangement with a national Code of Practice. The Cabinet is recommended to approve the adoption of this new arrangement at the earliest opportunity after April 2007 and agree to the use of some capital resources to improve the delivery of Registration services to the public in Warwickshire North and East.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet approve:

- (1) the acceptance of a new scheme assessment for Registration Services based on the Registrar General's model Scheme and Code of Practice as soon as possible after April;
- (2) the inclusion of a move to local pay agreements for Registration Service staff as part of the new scheme, to facilitate the implementation of the County Council's Pay and Conditions Review and a more flexible, multi-skilled workforce; and
- (3) the utilisation of capital underspend to the amount of £26,992 from the Stratford Register Office move to support the upgrading of Register Offices at Nuneaton and Rugby.

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9. Rugby: Harris School

The joint report of the Strategic Directors of Resources and Children, Young People & Families.

Local member - Councillor John Vereker:

This report updates Members on developments on this scheme since December 2005 when approval was given to the project to be financed from the sale of surplus land at the school. The Cabinet's approval is

sought to the acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender, the increased project cost in the capital programme and revised funding arrangements for the project.

Recommendations:

- (1) That approval be given for the acceptance of the lowest tender submitted by GAJ Construction Ltd in the sum of £2,286,198, subject to terms & conditions agreed by the Strategic Directors of Resources and Performance & Development.
- (2) That the capital cost of the project in the 2006/07 capital programme be increased from £2.330 million to £2.744 million.
- (3) That approval be given for the use of £0.308 million unallocated resources available from the Children, Young People & Families Directorate Capital Programme, to fund the shortfall on the project.

For further information please contact: Huw Thomas, Development Manager. Tel: 01926 736322, e-mail: huwthomas@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. A Strategic Approach to Employment and Skills in Warwickshire

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The review of employment and skills by the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee is reported and Cabinet is asked to approve the preparation of a strategy for the County's role in addressing future employment and skills needs.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:-

- (1) Welcomes the conclusions from the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee seminar on Employment and Skills.
- (2) Agrees to them being used as a basis for the development of an Employment and Skills Strategy for the county.

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

11. **Warwickshire's Social Care Complaints and Representations Policy and Procedures for Adults and Children Young People and Families**

Report of the Strategic Directors of Adult Health & Community Services, Children, Young People & Families, and Performance and Development.

The policy and procedures update and develop the previous social services complaints and representations procedures. They are designed to comply with new Regulations and Section 7 Guidance from DoH and DfES, and to support the Council's commitments under the Customer service and Access Strategy 2006/9.

Recommendations:

- (1) The Cabinet endorses the draft policy and procedures
- (2) The Cabinet notes that an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and the recommendations from this have been considered

For further information please contact: Karen Smith, Customer Relations Manager, Performance and Development Directorate. Tel: 01926 414103 karensmith@warwickshire.gov.uk

12. **Review of Financial Standing Orders**

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

This report summarises the outcome of a review of the Council's Financial Standing Orders and proposes amendments which are to be recommended to full Council for approval.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet recommends that the amendments proposed to Financial Standing Orders are reported to the Council for approval.

For further information please contact: Neill Butler, Performance Development Tel: 01926 476967, e-mail: neillbutler@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. **Establishment of a Shadow Governing Body for Hartshill School**

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

Local member - Councillor Richard Grant – Hartshill

The Local Authority needs to establish a shadow governing body for Hartshill School to work alongside the Interim Executive Board.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet approves the arrangement described in this report for the establishment of a shadow governing body for Hartshill School.

For further information please contact: Dave Potter, Area Schools and Communities Officer. Tel: 01926 742265, e-mail: davepotter@warwickshire.gov.uk

14. The Recycling of Plastics at Recycling Centres

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report details options for recycling plastics. It is proposed to continue recycling plastics bottles. If other plastics are separated out then, for these to be recycled, they are likely to require export outside Europe. In the UK the other plastics will be used as a fuel.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Council continues to collect plastic bottles High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) at Warwickshire's nine Household Waste Recycling Centres for recycling.
- (2) That where the cost of handling other grades of household plastics are similar to those for plastic bottles, that these are exported to China for recycling.
- (3) That the Council review the options for recycling all plastic polymers in 12 months time.

For further information please contact: Sarah Elliott, Contracts Supervisor, Waste Management. Tel: 01926 412103, e-mail: sarahjelliott@warwickshire.gov.uk

15. Government Consultations on Planning Delivery Grant: 'Allocations Criteria for 2007/8' and 'Housing and Planning Delivery Grant'

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report concludes that the response to these consultations should emphasise the unfair nature of the proposed Planning Delivery Grant 'Allocations Criteria for 2007/8' and the need for it to be revised to reward consistent high performance, including meeting the latest agreed targets and milestones. On the proposed replacement grant, the 'Housing and Planning Delivery Grant', the report concludes that proposed direct payments to councils runs the risk of replacing the 'plan-led' with a 'money-led' planning system. Instead, incentives should be geared to providing more support for plan-making.

Recommendations:

That the report be endorsed and the response to these consultations emphasise the following:-

- (1) The proposed Planning Delivery Grant 'Allocations Criteria for 2007/8' would be unfair on councils such as Warwickshire County Council. It should be revised to reward consistent high performance, including meeting the latest agreed targets and milestones.
- (2) The proposed 'Housing and Planning Delivery Grant' direct payments to councils runs the risk of replacing the 'plan-led' with a 'money-led' planning system. If incentives are to be used then they should be geared to housing levels set out in adopted development plan documents with allocation of grant providing more support for plan-making.

For further information please contact: Andy Cowan, Chief Planner
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16. Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership - Bedworth Railway Station Upgrade

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report sets out a proposal to allocate £164,000 of Public Transport Minor Works funding to the upgrade of Bedworth railway station as part of the Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership.

Recommendation:

That the scheme to upgrade Bedworth Railway Station be included in the 2006-7 Transport Capital Programme at the increased cost of £164,000.

For further information please contact: Liz Milne, Transport Planning Unit
Tel: 01926 735669, e-mail: lizmilne@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Daniel Caldecote, Transport Planning Unit. Tel: Tel. 01926 735665, e-mail: danielcaldecote@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report proposes that the timetable for preparing the Minerals Local Development Documents set out in the Minerals Local Development Scheme be revised to allow additional time for preparing the Preferred Options Paper subject to agreement with the Secretary of State.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet endorses the submission of the proposed revision of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme detailed in Appendix A of the report subject to agreement with the Secretary of State.

For further information please contact: Tony Lyons, Principal Planning Officer. Tel: 01926 412391, e-mail: tonylyons@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. 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 paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 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. Road Adoption and Highway Development Control Agency Arrangements with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council.

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The current arrangements for the Agency for S38 (Road Adoptions) with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council can potentially be improved. The Cabinet will consider authorising the Council’s officers [in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment] to negotiate and report on proposals to modify the highway agency arrangements with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council.

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