

Cabinet

Agenda

2 November 2006

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 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 12 October 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

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report contains details of all items programmed for consideration by the Cabinet up to the 1 February 2007, as taken from the Forward Planning System.

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. The Vision

The report of the Chief Executive.

The report presents the proposed Vision Statement for the Council for 2006 – 2015. Every organisation needs a vision - a focused set of priorities, a set of outcomes to be achieved. The Vision will guide the Council in the planning and delivery of its services and resources so as to best achieve outcomes for the communities of Warwickshire. The Cabinet is asked to agree the Vision.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet consider the proposed Vision Statement as a means of setting the strategic direction for the Council.

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4. Half-Year Composite Performance Report 2006/07 (April 2006 – September 2006).

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This report provides an analysis of the Council's performance for the half-year 2006/07 (the period 1st April 2006 to 30th September 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 LPSA2 Targets.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet notes the contents of the report and note that half-year reports from individual directorates 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.

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5. Development of the 2007/08 to 2009/10 Medium Term Financial Plan

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

To inform members of the latest information on available resources, spending pressures and investment proposals for the period 2007/08 to 2009/10.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet :

- (1) Notes the latest resource forecast and early indications of spending pressures and investment proposals from Directorates.
- (2) Requests that Overview and Scrutiny Committees review and comment on the information relevant to their terms of reference.

For further information please contact: Virginia Rennie, Group Accountant
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6. Projected 2006/07 Revenue Outturn

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report summarises the projected revenue outturn as at the end of quarter 2 (April to September 2006). It highlights the main reasons for any variations from the approved budget for each service and the projected reserves position at the year-end.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet notes the projected 2006/07 revenue outturn position and the projected reserves at year-end, and requests Directorates to take appropriate management action to try to ensure that spending remains within budget.

For further information please contact: Sandra Dean, Budget Planning Officer. Tel: 01926 412013, e-mail: sandradean@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Projected 2006/07 Capital Outturn

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

This report gives a mid-year update on the variations on projected capital outturn for 2006/07 and overall budget variances.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet notes the revised spending forecast for capital schemes in 2006/07 and over the scheme lives.

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8. 2006/07 Annual Efficiency Statement Mid-Year Update

The report of the Strategic Director, Resources and Strategic Director, Community Protection.

Update on progress in achieving our forecast efficiency gains for 2006/07 and the 2006/07 Annual Efficiency Statement Mid-Year Update for approval to be submitted to DCLG.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Notes the latest forecast efficiency gains for 2006/07 for the County Council and the Fire and Rescue Service.
- (2) Approves the draft 2006/07 Annual Efficiency Statement mid-year update for the County Council attached at Appendix A to the report and the Fire Service, attached at Appendix B, for submission to the Government.
- (3) Authorises the Strategic Director of Resources, and Strategic Director of Community Protection, in conjunction with the respective portfolio holders, to make any changes necessary to the 2006/07 Annual Efficiency Statement mid-year update prior to its submission.

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9. Fairer Charging - Care at Home Services

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

This report sets out proposals for a revised charging policy.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet approves the following proposals for a revised charging policy.

- (1) Increase “buffer” to Income Support + 40% and increase the charge to £8.70, half way between our current charge and the group average.
- (2) Charging on planned hours is continued at the present time but a review of this decision is taken when the electronic time recording system is in place. In the meantime remove what is now seen as inconsistency with our banded charges and charge on the basis of a standard hourly rate rounded to the nearest half hour.
- (3) That the Council does not increase the savings figure from the current level of £21,000 but that this is increased annually in April in line with CRAG guidance.
- (4) That for the time being the Council does not charge a higher rate for service users who receive more than 18 hours home care.

- (5) That the rate for day care is increased from £2.22 per day or part day to £5.00 per day or part day.
- (6) That rate for transport is increased from £1.07 per journey to £1.20 per journey.
- (7) Providing all the above are approved it is proposed to implement the changes from 1 January 2007. This would need to be reviewed should any of the above recommendations be changed or not approved
- (8) That the proposed charges remain the same until April 2008.
- (9) A further report on disability related expenditure be brought back to Members in due course.

For further information please contact: Philip Lumley-Holmes, Financial Services Manager. Tel: 01926 41-2443, e-mail: philiplumley@warwickshire.gov.uk

10. Review of the Cultural Strategy

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

The report is the final report for the Scrutiny Review of the Cultural Strategy. This report was considered by the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 July 2006.

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

- (1) That the final report of the review of the Cultural Strategy be approved;
- (2) That the Cabinet agree the following recommendations:
 - (a) That no steps be undertaken to replace the current cultural strategy 2003-06 with another strategy.
 - (b) That future work in this area be referred to as Culture, Leisure and Sport.
 - (c) Notwithstanding (2)(a) above the current cultural strategy be assimilated in the overall promotion of culture leisure and sport within the development of the local area agreement and existing community strategies.
 - (d) That amongst the options being explored to develop services in this area; consideration be given to the feasibility of a County Wide Cultural 'Champions' Forum and a website portal providing a single point of access for all cultural, leisure and sports activities within Warwickshire.

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11. Catholic Provision in Rugby

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

The report includes a draft response to the Catholic authority's consultation on Catholic provision in Rugby.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet comment on and agree the draft response to the Diocesan School Commission's consultation document at Appendix A to the report.
- (2) That the Area Committee consider this matter further and the Cabinet receive a further report on the outcome of the consultation process at its meeting on 23rd November

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

12. Chedham's Yard, Wellesbourne: Investment and Regeneration

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

Chedham's Yard, a historic forge and wheelwright's yard in Wellesbourne, won the national final of the BBC programme 'Restoration Village' in September. As a result, the project will secure £1 million investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund, subject to satisfying the necessary requirements.

The project is promoted by the local community, with support from (among others) staff from the Warwickshire Museum Service. This is a further example of the Museum Service's role in supporting and enabling engagement by local communities with their local heritage.

The report outlines the potential benefits for Wellesbourne, and more widely for Warwickshire, and sets out the approach officers propose to take to supporting the local community with their project.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is asked to endorse the approach proposed.

For further information please contact: Helen Maclagan, Head of Museum Service. Tel: 01926 418127, e-mail: helenmaclagan@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. Council Housing Disposal Policy

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources.

The report seeks approval to a policy for the disposal of Council housing not required for operational purposes.

Recommendations:

- (1) That approval be granted to the Council adopting a policy to offer for sale its 'non operational' housing to tenants at a discount reflecting the discount under Right to Buy legislation.
- (2) That no new service tenancies are granted for 'non-operational' Council housing.
- (3) That approval is granted to the sale of individual 'non-operational' Council housing in accordance with the above policy on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Directors of Resources and of Performance and Development.

For further information please contact: Geoff Taylor, Deputy Estates Manager, Tel: 01926 412521, e-mail geofftaylor@warwickshire.gov.uk

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

14. Delivering the Customer Service & Access Strategy – Funding options for a joint One Stop Shop in North Warwickshire

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report sets out the proposed funding options for Warwickshire County Council's participation with North Warwickshire Borough Council in a joint One Stop Shop in Atherstone

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet:

- (1) Approves the utilisation of £35,000 capital underspend from the Stratford Register Office to support the capital contribution to the joint one stop shop in Atherstone.

- (2) Notes that the Strategic Director for Performance and Development will fund from within existing resources the additional £25,000 towards the capital contribution.
- (3) Notes that the revenue funding will be the subject of a future bid to the Modernisation Fund.

For further information please contact: Kushal Birla, Head of Customer Service and Access. Tel: 01926 412013, e-mail:

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15. Changes to Indicated Admission Numbers – Southern Warwickshire

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

The report paper informs the Cabinet about current Admission Numbers in two schools and seeks authorisation for formal consultation to change those numbers.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families to consult stakeholders on proposals to:

- (1) increase the Admission Number of Wellesbourne C of E Primary School, from 40 to 60 pupils per year; and
- (2) increase the Admission Number of Ettington C of E Primary School, from 20 to 25 pupils per year.

For further information please contact: Phil Astle, Assistant Head of Service – Service Planning. Tel: 01926 742166, e-mail:

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16. Children's Centres – Phase 2

The report of the Chair of the Sure Start Policy Panel.

This report outlines the details on proposed sites and estimated costs for Phase 2 of the strategy for Children's Centres across Warwickshire. The report was considered by the Sure Start Policy Panel.

Recommendations of the Sure Start Policy Panel:

- (1) That the Cabinet agrees the proposals for Phase 2 of Children's Centres and notes the financial implications arising from the feasibility study and that the cost of the programme will be met from Government grant.

- (2) That the Cabinet approves the proposal to manage the programme within the overall grant allocation as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

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17. The Consumer Advice Policy for Trading Standards

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

The report asks the Cabinet to consider a revised policy for the delivery of consumer advice by Warwickshire Trading Standards Service in light of the introduction of Consumer Direct West Midlands.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet endorses the revised approach and formally adopts the policy.

For further information please contact: Anthea J Davies, Assistant Head of Trading Standards. Tel: 01926 414063, e-mail: antheadavies@warwickshire.gov.uk

18. Waste Strategy Implementation - Approval of Method for Allocating Capital Support to the District/Borough Councils

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Capital funding has already been allocated to implement aspects of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Out of the total budget, £1 million has been provisionally allocated to provide capital support for the district/borough councils to contribute to reaching the targets established in the Waste Strategy. The report seeks approval for allocating the £1 million and the method proposed for distributing funding to individual district authorities.

Recommendations:

- (1) That £1 million is allocated to support district schemes that will contribute to the implementation of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
- (2) That the Waste Strategy Implementation Project Board makes the decision on the allocation of funding to the districts in accordance with the objectives of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste

Management Strategy and following the procedures proposed in this report.

- (3) In making allocation decisions the Waste Strategy Implementation Project Board shall follow a fully transparent and objective process with the primary aim of maximising the total amount of recycling and composting carried out in Warwickshire.

For further information please contact: Kalen Wood, Waste Management
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19. Land at Corner of Park Road and Mill Street, Bedworth

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report seeks authorisation for a land exchange between the County Council and the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council on the site at the corner of Park Road and Mill Street, Bedworth. The exchange of land will facilitate the redevelopment of the site (as proposed in the Masterplan for Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres) and protect the alignment of any future highway improvements by the County Council to support the Masterplan proposals and regeneration of the Town Centre.

Recommendation:

That authorisation be given to transfer ownership of the land shown as plot 2 in Appendix A to the report from the County Council to the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in exchange for the land shown as plots 1 and 3, currently owned by the Borough Council.

For further information please contact: Margaret Smith, Transport Planning Unit. Tel: 01926 735682, e-mail: margaretsmith1@warwickshire.gov.uk

20. Delivery of HR services

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report seeks endorsement of changes in the way that HR services are delivered throughout the County Council, allowing more effective exploitation of the new HRMS system, greater economies of scale and a clearer focus on the delivery of HR advice and policy development.

Recommendation:

That the changes to the way that Human Resources (HR) services are delivered throughout the County Council, as set out in the report, including the creation of a single unit for transactional purposes, are endorsed

For further information please contact: Bob Perks, Head of Human Resources. Tel: (01926 41)2027, e-mail bobperks@warwickshire.gov.uk

21. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

22. 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).

23. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2006 and Matters Arising.

24. Warwick - 31 Shakespeare Avenue Disposal

The report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Local member - Councillor Raj Randev.

The report seeks approval to sell 31 Shakespeare Avenue, Warwick, and provides additional information requested by members at a previous meeting.

For further information please contact: Geoff Taylor, Deputy Estates Manager. Tel: 01926 412521, e-mail: geofftaylor@warwickshire.gov.uk

PART D CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

25. Annual Performance Assessment of Services for Children, Young People and Families in Warwickshire

Publication Embargoed until the 2 November 2006. At the meeting the report will be considered in public.

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

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The Annual Performance Assessment summarises the performance of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate as assessed by Ofsted/CSCI.

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**Shire Hall
Warwick
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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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