

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2006 at 1.45 P.M.**

Before consideration of the formal agenda the Cabinet will receive a presentation from Members of the Youth Parliament.

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 councilors 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 23 November 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 29 March 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. Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This report submits an outline of the final draft of the LAA that will be submitted to Government Office on 8th December 2006 and informs of key developments since that last report to Cabinet on 12th October 2006.

Recommendations:

(1) That Cabinet notes the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA.

(2) That Cabinet endorses the latest draft LAA prior to submission to Government Office on 8th December 2006.

For further information please contact: Nick Gower-Johnson, County Partnerships Manager. Tel: 01926 735670, email: nickgower-johnson@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Voluntary and Community Sector Developments

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This report updates Cabinet on possible changes in the structure of key organisations in the voluntary and community sector.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet supports discussions with key Voluntary and Community Sector organisations about their future organisation and structures and asks for a progress report in six months time.

For further information please contact: John Lyons, Voluntary Sector and Tel: 01926 412497, email: johnlyons@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Establishment of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre company

The joint report of the Strategic Director of Community protection and County Fire Officer and the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This joint report proposes that the Cabinet recommends that Council, in its capacity as Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority, approves the Council's participation in the Regional Fire Control Company in the terms outlined in this report.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet recommends that the Council, in its capacity as Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority:

- (1) notes the steps being taken to establish the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Services Regional Control Centre Company by January 2007;
- (2) agrees that the County Council participates as a Member of the Company on terms substantially as outlined in this report and its appendices;
- (3) appoints Councillor Richard Hobbs as a Director of the Company;
- (4) authorises the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer, the Strategic Director of Performance and Development and the Strategic Director of Resources to take such steps as may be reasonably necessary to finalise the company documentation in order that the Company may be established by January 2007;
- (5) notes that further reports will update Council on developments in the Fire Control project and the operation of the Company and in particular proposals for financial apportionment being developed at a local and national level.

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6. Connexions Service

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

To approve the transfer of funds from The Connexions Service to the County Council from the 1st April 2007 and to approve a three year commissioning of the Connexions Service with effect from the 1st April 2007.

Recommendation:

(1) That Cabinet approves an initial 3 year commissioning of the Connexions Service to deliver independent information, advice and guidance and targeted youth support as prescribed through the "Youth Matters" Green Paper.

(2) That Cabinet agrees to the pooling of funds from the Connexions Service to Warwickshire County Council through the Local Area Agreement Children Young People and Families Block to commence 1st April 2007.

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7. Area Community Education Councils – Funding arrangements

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

This report seeks Cabinet approval for the future arrangements for allocation of ACEC funding. The report relates only to the funds used to support work with 0-19 year olds. The 19+ funds will be the subject of a separate report.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet agrees the process outlined in Paragraph 3.2 of the report to allocate and monitor ACEC funds.

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8. Restructure of Stratford on Avon Local Strategic Partnership

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development.

A report asking Cabinet to confirm its views on the proposals to re-structure the Local Strategic Partnership in light of the overall direction that the Local Area Agreement Governance Task and Finish Group is taking on Local Area Agreement matters.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet supports the revised structure of Stratford Local Strategic Partnership in the light of views of the Stratford on Avon Committee.

For further information please contact: Sarah Duxbury, Corporate Legal Services Manager. Tel: 01926 412090, email: sarahduxbury@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Migrant Workers

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report provides an overview of the available information on the recent influx of migrant workers to the UK.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

- (1) Notes the baseline information for migrant workers.
- (2) Considers the impact on public services.

For further information please contact: Paul Seamer, Research Officer. Tel: 01926 418066, email: paulseamer@Warwickshire.gov.uk

PART B - ITEMS FOR EN BLOC DECISIONS

10. Contract for the Provision of Temporary Staff

The report of the Strategic Director, Performance & Development.

This report summarises the current contractual provision for temporary staff and proposes a consolidation of WCC requirements, thereby reducing the supplier base and ensuring that all terms and conditions have a contractual basis in future. Adoption of this process should produce cost savings for the County Council.

Recommendation:

- (1) That Cabinet approves proceeding with a tender for the provision of temporary staff.
- (2) That Cabinet approves and authorises the Strategic Director of Performance and Development to negotiate and enter into all relevant contracts for the provision of temporary staff on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director of Resources.

For further information please contact: Judith Coote, Senior HR Consultant Tel: 01926 412523, e-mail: judithcoote@warwickshire.gov.uk or: Paul Fairweather, Solicitor. Tel: 01926 412921, e-mail: paulfairweather@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Strategy for the Inclusion of Pupils with Emotional, Behavioural and Social Difficulties

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

The Behaviour Strategy has been through a prolonged consultation phase. It has now been published in the final form and requires approval from Cabinet.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet comments on and endorses the Strategy for the Inclusion of Pupils with Emotional, Behavioural and Social Difficulties.
- (2) That the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee monitors progress of the proposals contained within the Strategy.

For further information please contact: Geoff King, Head of Service – Commissioning,. Tel: 01926 742389, e-mail: geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk

12. Heathcote - Warwick Technology Park - Warwick Footway/Cycle Scheme

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

Local member - Councillor Mrs M Haywood

Tender prices have been received for construction of the above scheme. The lowest tender is higher than the approved estimate. This report seeks Cabinet approval for letting of a contract at the higher cost.

Recommendations:

(1) That the Cabinet approves the higher cost for the Heathcote - Warwick Technology Park - Warwick footway/cycleway scheme and the letting of a contract for construction of the scheme at the higher cost.

(2) That the integrated transport capital programme be amended as detailed in this report within resources allocated in the Local Transport Plan and other approved resources.

For further information please contact: Lisa Jones, Transport Planner. Tel: 01926 735670, email lisajones@warwickshire.gov.uk

13. Any Other Items

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

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

14. 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 Schedule 12A 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).

15. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 November 2006 and Matters Arising.

16. Termination of Highway Agency Arrangements with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council

The report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Cabinet will consider the proposed termination the existing Highway Agency arrangements with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council.

For further information please contact Kevin Hicks, Development Group. Tel. 01926 414133, e-mail kevinhicks@warwickshire.gov.uk

17. Nuneaton Citizens' Advice Bureau

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The Cabinet will consider the outstanding liabilities of the Nuneaton CAB following its closure in 2004.

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Warwick Chief Executive

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