

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1 March 2011

Agenda

A special meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

1. General

(1) Apologies

(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.

'Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration'.

(3) Minutes of the meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 January 2011

(4) Chair's Announcements

2. Public Question Time (Standing Order 34)

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

For further information about public question time, please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079 or e-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

3. Questions to the Portfolio Holders (Customers, Workforce and Partnership and Community Safety)

**Councillor Alan Cockburn (Lead Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy), Councillor Colin Hayfield (Lead Portfolio Holder, Customers, Workforce and Partnership)
Councillor Richard Hobbs (Community Safety)**

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for Members of the Committee to put questions to the Portfolio Holders on any matters relevant to the Communities remit.

4. Changing Times – A New Chapter for Warwickshire Library and Information Services

Report of the Strategic Director for Customers, Workforce and Governance.

The purpose of this report is to explain proposed changes to the way library services are delivered throughout Warwickshire.

Recommendation

The committee is requested to comment on the proposals.

For further information please contact Ayub Khan, Head of Libraries – Strategy, Tel. 01926 412657 email ayubkhan@warwickshire.gov.uk.

This report was not available at the time of printing and will be circulated separately.

5. Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement Progress Report

Report of the Strategic Director for Customers, Workforce and Governance.

This report presents progress made against each of the priorities within the 2010-11 Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement.

Recommendation

That members note the progress made against each of the priorities within the

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Community Safety Agreement and comment on key and emerging issues arising from the report.

For further information please contact Julie Sullivan, Corporate Community Safety Manager, Tel: 01926 412587 E-mail juliesullivan@warwickshire.gov.uk or Kate Nash, Head of Community Safety and Localities, Tel: 01926 412177 E-mail katenash@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Fire Sprinkler Systems

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

The Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) in Warwickshire have made excellent progress over recent years in reducing the number of deaths and injuries from fire. Whilst the figures remain relatively low, there are few emergencies which can have such an immediate and major impact as a fire in a home, school, industrial premise or business. Fire can and does bring significant disruption to communities, the environment and the local economy. Fire sprinklers protect buildings; they protect the contents of buildings, reduce risk to the occupants and more critically they reduce risk to firefighters. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service now seek to promote the installation of fire sprinklers in residential premises, schools commercial and industrial premises.

Recommendation

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the report and resolves to support the Fire and Rescue Service in promoting Fire Sprinkler Systems.

For further information please contact Gary Phillips, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Tel: 01925 423231 E-mail garyphillips@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Development of Draft Measures and Targets in Support of the CBP 2011-13

Report of the Head of Community Safety & Localities, Head of Environment & Resources, Head of Finance, Fire & Rescue, Head of Children, Young People & Families and Head of Performance Management

Following the approval of the high level Corporate Business Plan on the 15th February at Full Council, this report presents the proposed measures and targets for inclusion relevant to the remit of the Communities Portfolio.

Recommendation

That Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider and challenge, where appropriate, the draft measures and targets listed within Appendix A that will support the delivery of the Corporate Business Plan 2011-13.

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8. Committee Work Programme

Report of the Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance

This report outlines the draft work programme for the Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to agree the work programme, to be reviewed and reprioritised as appropriate.

For further information please contact Michelle McHugh, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01926 412144 E-mail michellemchugh@warwickshire.gov.uk or Ann Mawdsley, Principal Committee Administrator, Tel: 01926 418079 E-mail anmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Forward Plan

For information:

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Changing Times – A New Chapter for Warwickshire Library and Information Service

Warwickshire Final Local Transport Plan 2011-2026

Collaboration with Warwickshire Police

9. Any Other Items

which the Chair decides are urgent.

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Chief Executive

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

County Councillors

Sarah Boad, Richard Chattaway, Jeff Clarke, Barry Lobbett, Mike Gittus, Phillip Morris-Jones, Martin Shaw, Ray Sweet, John Whitehouse (Chair), Chris Williams

Cabinet Members

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Lead Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy)

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Lead Portfolio Holder for Customers, Workforce and Partnerships)

Councillor Richard Hobbs (Lead Portfolio Holder for Community Safety)

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

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