

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

28 April 2011

Agenda

A special meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 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 meetings of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 March 2011 and 15 March 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.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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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. Preventing Speed Related Road Casualties

To consider how Warwickshire can best prevent people being killed or injured in speed related road crashes in the context of the present financial restraints.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to comment on the existing balance of measures used to influence traffic speed and, if appropriate make recommendations to Cabinet.

For further information please contact Estyn Williams, Group Manager – Transport for Warwickshire, Tel. 01926 412712 email estynwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk or Stephen Rumble, Road Safety Intelligence Team Leader, Tel. 01926 412740 E-mail stephenrubble@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Implementing the Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Plan

The Fire and Rescue Service is making good progress on delivering its Improvement Plan. All projects are on track. Benefits delivered to date include:

- Capacity released from changing our response to Automatic Fire Alarms (AFAs) – turnouts reduced by 67 per cent;
- Meeting the target of 10,000 home fire safety checks to help local people be safer in their homes and reduce accidental dwelling fires;
- Increased training for firefighters to improve firefighter safety; and

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- Reduced days lost to sickness absence.

Recommendation

The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the report and make recommendations as appropriate.

For further information please contact Gary Phillips, Deputy Chief Fire Officer,
Tel: 01926 423231 E-mail garyphillips@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Fire Sprinkler Systems

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.

This report was deferred from the 1 March 2011 meeting.

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. Update on Financial Inclusion

In April 2009 and following a scrutiny review by the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee a set of recommendations were made with the objective of making long term improvements both in terms of the County Council's contribution to individual financial well-being, and in the contribution of partner organisations, such as the Citizens Advice Bureaux and Credit Unions.

This report provides an update to members of progress made towards these recommendations

Recommendation

Members are asked to:-

1. Note the work undertaken to date following the review
2. Comment and agree on the way forward outlined in section 3
3. Note that a further update report will be submitted in October 2011

For further information please contact Mark Ryder, Head of Localities and Community Safety, Tel. (01926) 412811 E-mail markryder@warwickshire.gov.uk.

8. Scrutiny of the Rugby Western Relief Road

REPORT TO FOLLOW

This report outlines the proposed findings and recommendations from Select Committee in relation to the Rugby Western Relief Road.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider the proposed findings and recommendations from Select Committee in relation to the Rugby Western Relief Road and consider the independent report from Stradia (which was not available at the select committee meeting) and amend the Committee's report as appropriate.

Agree a final report to be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration at the 12th May meeting.

Agree that following Cabinet consideration of the report on the 12th May, the report is then considered by full Council

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 annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

9. Committee Work Programme

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 12 May 2011

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Rugby Western Relief Road
Capital Programme for Transport 2011/12

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.

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10. 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

General Enquiries: Please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079

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

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