



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL will be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. General

(1) Apologies.

(2) Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the 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.

(3) Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2005 (copy attached).

(4) Chair's Announcements, Correspondence, Petitions.

2. Police Force Reform

The Clerk to the Police Authority will update Members on progress with consultation on the proposals for Police Reform.

3. Bringing the Benefits of London 2012 Olympics to Warwickshire

A report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy is enclosed.

The Cabinet considered this on 20 October and agreed that Council should be requested to support the proposals and allocate funding, as set out in the recommendations in the enclosed report.

4. Capital Programme Supplementary Bid 2005/2006 for Highways Maintenance

A report of Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy is enclosed. This will be considered by the Cabinet on 8 December and their recommendation will be reported to Council.

5. Constitution Changes to Delegations

A report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive is enclosed. This proposes amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers (as set out in the Council's constitution) to reflect the new officer structure agreed by Council on 1 November 2005.

6. Voluntary Sector Consortium Resource Building

The Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee and Cabinet will be considering this proposal for support of the Voluntary Sector Consortium (VSC) project at their meetings on 30 November 2005 and 8 December 2005 respectively. If the proposal is approved, Cabinet will be requesting Council approve the granting of a loan. Cabinet's recommendations will be reported to Council.

7. NHS Consultations

Report to follow

8. Question Time (Standing Order 7)

Cabinet portfolio holders and Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Area Committees will be invited to respond to any questions from members. A period of up to one hour is allocated for question time. Extension beyond this time is at the discretion of the Chair.

9. Notices of Motions (Standing Order 5)

To consider the following motions submitted by Members:

(1) Second Homes Council Tax

Proposer: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse
Seconder: Councillor David Booth

'This Council supports the principle of reducing the Council Tax discount for second homes in Warwickshire from 50% to 10% from the beginning of the next financial year.

This Council further resolves that any additional income received by the County Council as a consequence of this reduction will be dedicated to Affordable Housing projects in Warwickshire’.

(2) Court Fees for Family Courts

Proposer: Councillor Izzi Seccombe
Seconder: To be advised

‘The Department of Constitutional Affairs will be implementing large increases in Court Fees for Family Courts at the end of December with huge ramifications for Warwickshire County Council. Fees charged by family proceedings courts will increase 650 percent overall.

The increase in court fees has been introduced with the aim of recovering £50m in Family Courts, but concern that it will have a detrimental effect on the very vulnerable and deprived children in Society is widespread. The good practice in Child Protection by Authorities such as Warwickshire will be affected by enormous financial burden incurred, which will do nothing to help LAs protect the most vulnerable in Society.

We request that a letter is sent to Lord Falconer, on behalf of all three party leaders along with the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families Services, outlining Warwickshire County Council’s concerns and request that the government consider ways in which best to support those Local Authorities affected. Copies of this letter should be sent to the LGA and all Warwickshire MPs seeking their assistance.’

10. Any other items of urgent business

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

11. Exclusion of the Public

To consider passing the following resolution to exclude the public:

“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 exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972”.

12. Exempt Minutes

Exempt minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 November 2005 to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. (Copy attached).

13. Kingsbury Water Park – Proposed Outdoor Education Centre

To consider a report and recommendations from Cabinet regarding the provision of an outdoor education centre.

14. Options for the Shire Hall, Warwick

To consider a report and recommendations from Cabinet regarding options for County Council's office accommodation at Shire Hall.

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