

**Agenda for a meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY 19 May 2015 at 10.00 a.m.**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Election of Chair**

To elect a Chair for the ensuing municipal year. The Chair to make a declaration of acceptance of office.

**2. Election of Vice Chair**

To elect a Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal year. The Vice-Chair to make a declaration of acceptance of office.

**3. General**

**(1) Apologies for absence.**

**(2) Members' Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests**

Members are required to register their disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of their election of appointment to the Council. A member attending a meeting where a matter arises in which s/he has a disclosable pecuniary interest must (unless s/he has a dispensation):

- Declare the interest if s/he has not already registered it
- Not participate in any discussion or vote
- Must leave the meeting room until the matter has been dealt with.
- Give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting

Non-pecuniary interests must still be declared in accordance with the new Code of Conduct. These should be declared at the commencement of the meeting.

**(3) Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 March 2015.

#### **(4) Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Council, Leader, Cabinet members or the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive).

#### **(5) Public Speaking**

To note any requests to speak in accordance with the Council's Public Speaking Scheme.

#### **4. Appointment to Committees and Other Bodies**

A report of the Strategic Director of Resources is enclosed.

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 sets out requirements for political balance on member bodies unless the Council agrees otherwise. If the Council wishes to adopt arrangements that do not follow the requirements for political balance on member bodies then this will be dependent on no-one voting against such arrangements.

#### **5. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15**

Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees:  
Councillors Richard Chattaway, Bob Hicks, Maggie O'Rourke and June Tandy

The annual report on the activity of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is enclosed.

#### **6. Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel Annual Report 2014/15**

The annual report of the Police and Crime Panel is enclosed.

#### **7. Annual Monitoring Report of the use of the Urgency and Call-in**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Izzi Seccombe

The annual report of the Strategic Director of Resources is enclosed.

#### **8. Amendment to Employment Standing Orders**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Kam Kaur

A report of the Strategic Director of Resources is enclosed.

This seeks approval to changes required to standing orders required by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. The changes relate to the processes required before offers of appointments or notice of dismissal can be given for the posts of Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer.

**9. Allocation of Capital Receipt from the disposal of the current Alcester Library to fund consolidation of the Library and Warwickshire Direct into Globe House, Alcester**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Alan Cockburn, Deputy Leader

Local Member: Councillor Mike Gittus.

Cabinet on 15 April gave approval to the consolidation of Alcester Library and Warwickshire Direct into Globe House, Alcester. The enclosed report requests Council approval to the use of the capital receipt from disposal of the current Alcester Library to fund the project.

**10. Nuneaton Opportunities Centre**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Local Members: Councillor Caroline Phillips and Bill Olnier

The Council on 25 September 2014 agreed that a review of the business case for closure of the Opportunities Centre be undertaken. The enclosed report of the Strategic Director of Communities sets out the findings of the review.

**11. Motions to Council**

**(1) Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**

Proposer: Councillor Matt Western

Seconder: Councillor John Holland

“That Warwickshire County Council calls on the Government to oppose the introduction of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership given that this may lead to the sale of public and local authority assets with consequent impacts on this authority’s ability to deliver services at a viable cost.”

**(2) Pension Fund**

Proposer: Councillor Matt Western

Seconder: Councillor Philip Johnson

“That in light of the Rockerfeller Fund and several other major investors divesting from the fossil fuel industry into the renewable sector, the Council requests the Pension Fund Investment Sub-Committee seriously considers undertaking a survey of pension fund members to understand whether such a strategy would be supported.”

### **(3) Air Quality**

Proposer: Councillor Keith Kondakor  
Seconder: Councillor Johnathan Chilvers

“ That, in the light of the latest evidence of increased early deaths due to air quality in Warwickshire and the recent UK Supreme Court ruling that the UK government must deliver new plans to address illegal levels of air pollution in Britain by the end of the year, this Council asks the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to:

- Prepare a report on progress towards the 3 air quality targets in Appendix C of the Local Transport Plan.
- Conduct a study of all newly commissioned highways projects in 2014 to ascertain whether they are contributing towards achieving the County's air quality targets.
- Consider what steps can be taken to consider Air Quality impacts better when being consulted on planning applications”.

## **12. Member Question Time**

A period of up to one hour is allocated for question time. Extension beyond this time is at the discretion of the Chair.

### **12.1 Questions on Notice (Standing Order 7.2)**

Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be invited to respond to any written questions from Members.

### **12.2 Questions without Notice to Leader of the Council and Cabinet Portfolio Holders (Standing Orders 7.7 and 7.8)**

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Portfolio Holders will be invited to respond to any oral questions from Members. Supplementary questions will not be permitted.

## **13. Any other items of urgent business.**

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

## **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 exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972'.

## **EXEMPT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE (PURPLE PAPERS).**

### **15. Acquisition of Long Leasehold Interest in King's House, Bedworth**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Alan Cockburn, Deputy Leader

Local Member: Richard Chattaway

Cabinet on 16 April 2015 agreed an option with regard to the leasehold interest in King's House, Bedworth. Council approval is required for the funding of the proposal.

JIM GRAHAM  
Chief Executive  
Shire Hall  
Warwick  
May 2015

### **Public Speaking**

Members of the public who are resident or working in Warwickshire may speak for up to three minutes on an item in the public part of the agenda. Notice of a request to speak must be made to the Chief Executive at least three working days before the meeting.

For advice on the public eligibility to speak and the procedure, or any enquiries regarding this agenda, please contact Janet Purcell, Democratic Services Manager, Law & Governance, Resources Group Tel: 01926 413716 E-mail: [janetpurcell@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:janetpurcell@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### **Meetings on Rising of Council**

Please note that the following will meet at 12 noon (or on the rising of Council if later) to elect their Chairs and Vice Chairs and to confirm appointments to bodies.

These will take place in the council chamber in the order shown.

1. The Leader
2. Regulatory Committee
3. Staff and Pensions Committee
4. Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
5. Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6. Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
7. Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee