

Agenda for a meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2016 at 10.00 AM.

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AGENDA

1. 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 confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016.

Please note that only the final budget is printed with the minutes at Appendix E. The original Group proposals can be viewed with the minutes published on the Council website.

(4) Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Council, Leader, Cabinet Members or Chief Executive.

(5) Public Speaking

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

2. 2016/17 Budget – Transitional Grant and Other Information

To consider the enclosed report from Corporate Board.

3. West Midlands Combined Authority

To consider the following notice of motion:

'This Council decided on 3rd September 2015 not to enter into the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) at that time. It subsequently decided on 24th September 2015 that all options should be explored, including any improved WMCA proposal.

We believe that the Council should now explore fully the option of joining the WMCA as a constituent member. Officers should be tasked with developing a full business case, bringing it to Council within a period not exceeding six months.'

Proposer: Councillor John Whitehouse

Seconder: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

The enclosed information report gives an update on the WMCA and the wider devolution agenda since September 2015.

4. 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.

4.1 Questions on Notice (Standing Order 7.2)

The following question has been received from Councillor Jerry Roodhouse:

Unitary Local Government

'This Council decided on 25th February 2014 that:

“ ...it is in the public interest to explore the opportunities of Unitary Local Government. It will engage with members of the public, other public sector bodies, businesses, the voluntary sector and Central Government to develop ideas around this way of working. It will provide evidence - based analysis so that the people of Warwickshire can form their own views about unitary solutions”.

Can the Leader explain why, two years later, little or no progress has been made in pursuing this agreed course of action, while the financial pressures on local government have become much more severe, and the need to co-operate at all levels more paramount?'

4.2 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.

5. Any other items of urgent business.

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

6. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

To consider passing the following resolution:

'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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972'.

EXEMPT ITEM FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE (PURPLE PAPERS).

7. Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2015

To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2015.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive
Shire Hall
Warwick
February 2016

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.
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