

Agenda for a meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY 17 May 2016 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 22 March 2016.

(4) Vote of thanks to Ron Ball, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner 2012-2016

Council is invited to give a vote of thanks to Ron Ball.

(5) Announcements

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

(6) 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. Call-in: Stratford to Long Marston Greenway: introduction of car parking charges

Chair of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Philip Johnson.

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jeff Clarke

Cabinet on 14 April agreed proposals for the introduction of car parking charges at car parks serving the Stratford to Long Marston Greenway. The decision was called-in by four councillors for review by the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee who considered the proposals at an extraordinary meeting on 3 May. The Committee concluded that the issue be deferred to Council for consideration. The enclosed report sets out the concerns raised by the Committee.

6. 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.

7. Closing the Gap Strategy 2015-18

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Colin Hayfield

Cabinet on 10 December 2015 considered a strategy for closing the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers in Warwickshire. The Closing the Gap Strategy is part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and the enclosed report invites Council to approve the Strategy.

8. Education and Learning Schools Sufficiency Strategy 2015-19

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Colin Hayfield

Cabinet on 14 April 2016 considered a strategy to sets out how Warwickshire County Council plans and provides school places to ensure that all children and young people thrive in sustainably good or outstanding schools and settings throughout their education, wherever they live. The Schools Sufficiency Strategy is part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and the enclosed report invites Council to approve the Strategy.

9. Education and Learning (Schools) Capital Programme 2016-17

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillors Colin Hayfield and Alan Cockburn

Cabinet on 14 April 2016 considered the Schools Capital Programme and the enclosed report sets out Cabinet's recommended programme for 2016-17.

10. Warwickshire Pension Fund – Pooling of Assets

Leader of the Council: Councillor Izzi Seccombe

The Government in 2015 requested that Local Government Pension Scheme administering authorities submit proposals for pooling investments by 19 February 2016.

Following consideration by the Pension Fund Investment Sub-Committee and the Staff and Pensions Committee, the Committee agreed in December to authorise the Strategic Director for Resources to submit an initial proposal for pooling of funds. This was on the understanding that a final decision would be taken by Council before the deadline of July 2016 and that the intervening

period would be used to explore alternative models of pooling involving combinations of other authorities.

This further exploration has taken place and the enclosed report supports the original approach proposed by the Staff and Pensions Committee to join the pool now known as the Border to Coast Group.

11. West Midlands Combined Authority

Leader of the Council: Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Council on 23 February agreed that the Council should explore fully the option of joining the WMCA as a constituent member and tasked officers to develop a full business case, bringing it to Council within a period not exceeding six months and with a target of three months.

Council is invited to consider the enclosed report.

12. Motion to Council

Home to School Transport

"That this Council reconsiders its policy on home to school transport bearing in mind that several routes, including the one from Warton to Polesworth High School, where parents are being asked to pay excessive amounts to ensure their children reach school safely"

Proposer: Councillor Peter Morson
Seconder: Councillor June Tandy

13. 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.

13.1 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.

13.2 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.

14. Any other items of urgent business.

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

15. Report 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 ITEM FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE (PURPLE PAPERS).

16. Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2016

To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2016.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive
Shire Hall
Warwick
May 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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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. Staff and Pensions Committee
3. Pension Fund Investment Sub-Committee
4. Regulatory Committee
5. Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6. Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
7. Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8. Resources and Fire and Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee