

Agenda for a meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on THURSDAY 21 September 2017 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 Code of Conduct. These should be declared at the commencement of the meeting.

(3) Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017.

(4) Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Council, Leader, Cabinet Members or Joint Managing Directors.

(5) Petitions

To receive any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.

(6) Public Speaking

To note any requests to speak in accordance with the Council's Public Speaking Scheme (see note at end of the agenda).

(7) Children in Care Council

Representatives of the Children in Care Council will give a short presentation.

2. Corporate Parenting Policy, Children Looked After Pledge & Care Leavers Charter.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children's Services - Councillor Jeff Morgan

The Council is invited to approve the Corporate Parenting Policy and related documents and members will be invited to sign up to the Children Looked After Pledge.

3. Warwickshire Youth Justice Service - Strategic Plan 2017/18

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Fire and Community Safety: Councillor Howard Roberts

The Cabinet considered the Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan on 7 September 2017 and have recommended that the Plan be formally adopted by Council.

4. Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Review 2016/17 and Delivery Plan 2017/18

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board: Councillor Izzi Seccombe

The Health and Wellbeing Board have approved their Annual Review of 2016/17 and their Delivery Plan for 2017/18 and recommend that Council endorse these.

5. A452 Europa Way Corridor Improvement Scheme: Growth Deal 3 Funding

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment: Councillor Jeff Clarke

Cabinet on 7 September agreed to enter into a funding agreement with Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership to secure Growth Deal 3 funding for the Europa Way Corridor Improvement Scheme subject to Council's agreement to the addition of the scheme to the Capital Programme. This report seeks the Council's approval to the addition.

6. Local Pension Board Membership

The County Council on 23 May 2017 approved a number of appointments to external bodies, including the appointment of Councillors Jill Simpson-Vince and Matt Western to the Local Pension Board.

Councillor Matt Western has resigned from the Board and Councillor Alan Webb has been nominated to fill this vacancy. The Council is requested to approve the appointment.

Note: There is no accompanying report for this item.

7. Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customer and Transformation: Councillor Kam Kaur

Audit and Standards Committee (6 September 2017) and Cabinet (7 September 2017) have both considered the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 and have recommended it for approval by Council.

8. Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts 2016/17

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property: Councillor Peter Butlin

The Audit and Standards Committee considered the Pension Fund Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 at its meeting on 6 September and have recommended them to Council for approval.

A covering report is enclosed but the Statement of Accounts has been printed separately.

9. Statement of Accounts 2016/17

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property: Councillor Peter Butlin

The Audit and Standards Committee considered the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 at its meeting on 6 September and have recommended them to Council for approval.

A covering report is enclosed but the Statement of Accounts has been printed separately.

10. Appointment of Independent Member

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customers: Councillor Kam Kaur

The Council is invited to approve the appointment of an independent person as part of the arrangements relating to code of conduct required under the Localism Act 2011.

11. Motions to Council

To consider the following motions submitted by members in accordance with Standing Order 5:

(1) **Tackling Loneliness**

Proposer: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Seconder: Councillor Kate Rolfe

‘That in light of the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report 2017, which highlights the impact of loneliness and isolation on people’s health and wellbeing, Council asks Cabinet to consider what steps could be taken to reduce social isolation and loneliness including how we work with partners and the voluntary and community sector on targeted initiatives and the role that public transport plays in this context’.

(2) **Student Loans**

Proposer: Councillor Dave Parsons

Seconder: Councillor Corinne Davies

‘That the following is agreed for submission to the Secretary of State for Education:

The Council expresses its concern about the impact that the Government’s system for calculating interest on student loans could have on the future prospects and wellbeing of Warwickshire students and the future skills available to promote economic growth in the county. The system for calculating interest on student loans is linked to the Retail Price Index (RPI). The recent increase in RPI means that the interest rate on student loans will increase to 6.1% for all new students which is 24 times the current base rate. This appears to be a substantial increase which will lead to students accruing an additional charge of £5,800 through the duration of a three year course and a final debt of around £70,000. In light of this, we would urge the government to urgently review the mechanism for determining the student contribution towards the cost of higher education.’

12. Member Question Time (Standing Order 7)

A period of up to 40 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader, Cabinet Portfolio Holders, Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

13. Any other items of urgent business.

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

14. Exclusion of Public and Press

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 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972’.

15. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2017

To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017.

16. Transforming Nuneaton Programme: Growth Deal 3 Funding

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Cabinet has considered the enclosed report concerning funding to start the delivery of the Transforming Nuneaton Programme and is requesting Council's approval to the addition of this to the Capital Programme.

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Warwick
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Public Speaking

Any member of the public who is resident or who works in Warwickshire may speak at the meeting for up to three minutes on any item on the agenda for this meeting. This can be in the form of a statement or a question. If you wish to speak please notify Janet Purcell (see below) in writing at least two working days before the meeting. You should give your name and address and the subject upon which you wish to speak. Full details of the public speaking scheme is set out in the Council's Standing Orders (Standing Order 34).

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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