

Agenda for a meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on THURSDAY 25 JULY 2019 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 or 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 21 May 2019.

(4) Announcements

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

(5) Petitions

To receive any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's Petitions 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).

2. Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2018/19

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Kam Kaur

Council is requested to receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee. This report is being considered by the Audit and Standards Committee on 24 July 2019.

3. Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Kam Kaur

The Audit and Standards Committee and Cabinet considered the Annual Governance Statement at their meetings on 23 May 2019 and 11 July 2019 respectively and have recommended its approval by Council.

4. Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts 2018/19

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Butlin

The Audit and Standards Committee will be considering the Pension Fund Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 at its meeting on 24 July 2019 with a view to recommending its approval by Council.

The report will be circulated separately.

5. Statement of Accounts 2018/19

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Butlin

The Audit and Standards Committee will be considering the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 at its meeting on 24 July 2019 with a view to recommending its approval by Council.

The report will be circulated separately.

6. Addition of Developer Funded Schemes to the Capital Programme

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Butlin

The report seeks Council's approval to add the following developer funded schemes to the Council's Capital Programme:

A3400 Shipston Road, Stratford on Avon

7. Appointment of a Chief Transformation and Digital Officer

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Kam Kaur

The report seeks approval to the appointment of a Chief Transformation and Digital Officer on a two-year contract.

8. Notices of Motion

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

(1) Climate Emergency

‘That, in light of the recent reports from the IPCC ‘Special Report on Global Warming’ (2018); the CCC report ‘Net Zero – the UK’s contribution to stopping global warming’ (May 2019) and the concerns that not meeting the UK’s targets will have a negative impact on our residents whilst measures to combat climate change can have significant benefits, this Council recognises the role local government has to play in responding to climate change and

1. Declares a ‘Climate Emergency’ as a pledge in moving to carbon neutral targets.
2. Convenes a cross party group to work with officers, representatives of local environmental groups, residents and businesses, that will report to Cabinet within 6 months on what actions can be taken which should include how to achieve behavioural change, set against the targets needed to achieve reductions.
3. Develops a communication strategy to convey to residents the severity of the situation, and the ways people and businesses can take independent action to cut greenhouse gas emissions.
4. Lobbies Government to provide the powers and resources needed to address this issue’

Proposer -- Councillor Jenny Fradgley

Seconder – Councillor Dominic Skinner

(2) Climate Change

'The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned that we have 12 years to make the necessary changes to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5 °C. Failure to act will see a marked increase in sea levels and flooding, extreme and abrupt changes to weather patterns, crop failures, extinctions of plant, insect and animal species and global economic disruption and crisis. The significantly high levels of atmospheric pollution experienced locally highlight why this is such an important issue for Warwickshire County Council to respond to.

In response, this Council

- a) declares a 'Climate Emergency';
- b) requests that a Climate Task & Finish Group be set up to respond to the challenge;
- c) will work in collaboration with our District and Borough partners to develop a target and resourced proposals for a carbon neutral action plan for Warwickshire County Council to be considered by Cabinet.
- d) Will review and update its transport plans for each of the District and Borough Councils in Warwickshire, to enable a move towards building sustainable transport systems in recognition of the goal of moving towards carbon neutrality;
- e) calls on the Government to provide the resources and powers so that Warwickshire County Council can make its contribution to the UK's Carbon Reduction targets.'

Proposer: Councillor Helen Adkins

Seconder: Councillor Maggie O'Rourke

(3) Women Against State Pension Inequality

'That, in light of the fact that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected (particularly those born in the 1950s), leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements, the Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1950, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.'

Proposer: Councillor Kate Rolfe

Seconder: Councillor Clive Rickhards

(4) Affordable Housing

'In March of this year Dominic Raab promised to consult on changes to the "Right to Buy". This Council fully supports this review and as a first step urges the Government to end the practise of taking money from the Right to Buy receipts so that local authorities can build more affordable housing in order to reduce dependency on private rentals, the majority of which are levied at a rate which exceeds the mortgageable value of the properties. This is clearly a significant factor in terms of contributing to in-work poverty and often leads to families living in substandard properties which in turn leads to health problems related to mental health issues and a deterioration in the general health and well being of those trapped in this situation.'

Proposer: Councillor Dave Parsons

Seconder: Councillor Richard Chattaway

9. Member Question Time (Standing Order 7)

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

10. Any other items of urgent business.

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

11. 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'.

**12. Land Acquisition and Education and Social Care Provision-
Nuneaton and Bedworth**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Butlin.

The Cabinet on 11 July 2019 agreed to land acquisition for education and social care provision in Nuneaton and Bedworth. This report seeks Council's approval to an addition to the Capital Programme.

13. Land at Higham Lane, Nuneaton.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Butlin.

The Cabinet on 11 July 2019 agreed disposal of Council owned land in Nuneaton. This report seeks Council's approval to funding required to support the costs of disposal.

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July 2019

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 are 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, Governance and Policy, Resources Directorate Tel: 01926 413716.
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