

Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 June 2005

Agenda

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2005 at 2:15 p.m.**

The agenda will be:-

1. General

- (1) **Apologies for absence.**
- (2) **Members' Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Members should disclose the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

- (3) **Minutes of the former Employment and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 8 March 2005 (copy attached) and matters arising.**

To note the Minutes of the Employment and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 8 March 2005 (copy attached) and matters arising relevant to the work of this new Committee.

- (4) **Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 17 May 2005 (copy attached).**

- (5) **Remit of the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

To note the remit of the Committee to advise on the development of policies and to scrutinise performance in relation to economic development including regional and sub regional matters, employment, tourism, community development, local community planning partnerships, rural affairs, strategic land use, regeneration and planning.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers

2. Public Question Time

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questioners may ask 2 questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

To be sure of receiving an answer to an appropriate question, please contact Jean Hardwick on 01926 412476 or e-mail jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Council staff are aware of the matter on which you wish to speak.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3. Review of Dyslexia Issues

A report outlining the outcomes from two dyslexia meetings held in the 2004/05 municipal year.

Recommendation

That –

1. the report be noted;
2. Subject to any comments made by the Committee, the report be passed onto the Warwickshire Dyslexia Forum for information and consideration.
3. The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee be recommended to examine issues relating to the diagnosis of dyslexia within junior schools and the quality of publicity on the help and support available to children with dyslexia with a view to making improvements where necessary.
4. The Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be recommended to examine the issue of raising awareness and accessibility of information to people with dyslexia within county libraries.

For further information please contact Bill Basra, Corporate Review Officer, Chief Executive's Dept. Tel: 01926 746817 e- mail billbasra@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Equality and Diversity Progress Report

This report outlines an equality and diversity progress update for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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Recommendation

That the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the progress report of the County Fire Officer on Equality and Diversity within Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, and endorse the approach.

For further information please contact William Brown, County Fire Officer, Tel 01926 423231 e-mail williambrown@warwickshire.gov.uk or Donald Patterson, Equality and Diversity Advisor, Tel 01926 423231 e-mail donaldpatterson@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Review of the Approach of the Council to policy and the deliver of services in rural area.

Cabinet on 11th December 2003 resolved that the approach of the Council to policy and the delivery of services in rural areas be reviewed by the Environment and Rural Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group on 11th January 2005 agreed that this scrutiny should be joint with the Employment and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Committee. At the meeting of the Employment and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 March 2005 it was agreed that a working group of Members from that Committee carry out the task. In view of the changes Overview and Scrutiny Committee responsibilities, Members are asked to reconsider the process for taking forward this review.

Recommendation

That Members reconsider the process for taking forward the review of rural policy and rural services.

For further information please contact John Ridgley, Regeneration Projects Manager, Tel: 01926 412072 E-mail johnridgley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Provisional Items for Future Meetings and Forward Plan Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee

(a) Provisional Items for Future Meetings

A table setting out provisional items for future meetings is attached.

(b) Forward Plan

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Regional Housing Strategy – Response to Government Consultation

7. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

Employment and Inclusion - Councillors George Atkinson, Peter Barnes, Michael Doody, Eithne Goode, Pat Henry, Mick Jones (Chair), Bernard Kirton, Frank McCarney, Phillip Morris-Jones, John Ross, Kam Singh and Ian Smith.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: - Councillor Chris Saint, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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