

# Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

26 July 2005

## Agenda

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY 26 JULY 2005 at 10:00 a.m.**

(Please note that a buffet lunch will be provided at 12:45 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 meeting of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 23 June 2005 (copy attached).**

### 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](mailto: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.

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### 3. The Future of the Automotive Industry

Report of the Director of Planning Transport and Economic Strategy.

Presentations will be made by external speakers on recent events affecting the automotive sector and there will be a discussion on the future prospects for the industry with contributions from invited guests.

#### Recommendation

The conclusions drawn from the discussions on this topic at the meeting be taken into account in the development of the revised Regeneration Strategy for Warwickshire County Council.

For further information please contact David S Williams, County Economic Development Officer, PTES. Tel: 01926 412401 e-mail [davidswilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:davidswilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk)

#### Timetable for Presentations and Discussions

10.30 to 10.40	<b>Welcomes and Introduction:</b> Chair of the Committee to welcome, request introductions and outline purpose and format for the session.	Cllr Jones
10.40 to 10.55	<b>What's happening to the automotive Industry in Warwickshire :</b> recent trends and prospects	Jeff Marlow and Paul Seamer, Warwickshire County Council
10.55 to 11.15	<b>Break for Coffee</b>	
11:15 to 11:30	<b>The Collapse of MG Rover :</b> addressing the challenge and its implications to Warwickshire	Dianne Williams, Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber and Business Link
11.30 to 11.45	<b>Broadening the Automotive Offer :</b> motorsport and performance engineering in Warwickshire	Dr Nick Henry, Motorsport Research Associates
11.45 to 12:00	<b>Skilling up for the future</b> – future skills needs and the role of an Automotive Academy	Dr Nick Barter, Launch Director of the Automotive Academy and member of the SMMT

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12.00 to 12:30	<b>Member Questions and Answers</b> – widened to other attendees and participants at the meeting.	Chaired by Cllr. Jones
12.30	<b>Summing up</b>	John Deegan
12.30	<b>and closing comments from the Chair</b> on what has been learnt, how it will be taken forward and what further needs to be done. Consultation/Participation	Cllr Jones

#### **4. 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**

**None**

#### **5. Any Other Items**

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

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Acting Chief Executive

Shire Hall,  
Warwick.

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership**

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

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

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