

Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11 JULY 2006

Agenda

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY 11 JULY 2006 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.

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the Member serving as a district/borough councillor are declared below:

Stratford-on Avon District Council - Councillor Peter Barnes

Warwick District Council – Councillors Michael Doody, Eithne Goode and Bernard Kirton

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council - Councillor Pat Henry and John Ross

Rugby Borough Council – Councillor Gordon Collett

- (3) **Minutes of the meetings held on 16 May and 6 June 2006 and matters arising.**

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.

3. City Regions, Regional Comparisons and Knowledge Economies

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This Report identifies the implications of –

- (i) Ongoing work to establish a Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent 'City Region';
- (ii) The review of the West Midlands Regional Economic Strategy; and
- (iii) An understanding of how 'knowledge economies' work.

It outlines the Department's work to date on these issues and proposed future activities.

Recommendation

To note the contents of the report and endorse further work to:-

- a) Contribute to the City Region debate by trying to ensure it has an appropriate economic rationale that is relevant to areas outside the direct City Region boundaries.
- b) Contribute to the review of the Regional Economic Strategy by identifying and promoting the needs of the County and sub-region, by supporting the case that the 'City Region' is just one of several economic drivers for the region and putting forward a parallel case for an analysis/impact assessment of the south east regional performance.
- c) Analyse what is, and how to develop, a 'knowledge economy'.

For further information please contact Jeff Marlow, Regeneration Strategy and Europe Tel: 01926 418029 e-mail jeffmarlow@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Full Year Performance Report 2005/06

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report presents full year performance outturn with respect to Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy (PTES) objectives. In addition it contains details of consultation activity, which has taken place and an analysis of complaints received during 2005/06.

Recommendation

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider PTES's performance at the full year stage, and in particular to:-

- (i) Acknowledge positive progress made.
- (ii) Identify any issues with respect to service delivery.
- (iii) Indicate any further information required

For further information please contact Maureen Oakes, Strategy Support, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412796 e-mail maureenoakes@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Review of Scrutiny

Report of the Director of Performance and Development.

This report advises Members of the arrangements for the review of the overview and scrutiny function. Seeks views on the future role of overview and scrutiny and how its effectiveness can be improved.

Recommendation.

That Members comment on –

- (1) the future role of overview and scrutiny.
- (2) the changes they would like to see to improve the effectiveness of overview and scrutiny.

For further information please contact Jane Pollard, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Performance and Development Directorate, Tel 01926 412565 e-mail janepollard@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Future Work Programme and Forward Plan Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee.

(a) Provisional Items for Future Meeting

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

(b) Forward Plan

Cabinet – 13 July 2006

Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Waste Core Strategy – Preferred Options (E&E)

Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Minerals Core Strategy – Issues & Options. (E&E)

Draft Regional Spatial Strategy Review – Phase One Revision – The Black Country (E&E)

World Class Stratford (E&E)

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Stoneleigh Park – Centre of Rural Excellence Proposals Phase 1 Site
Infrastructure. (E&E)

7. Any other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

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Chief Executive

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

Economic Development - Councillors Peter Barnes, Ken Browne, Michael Doody, Anne Forwood (Vice Chair), Gordon Collett, Eithne Goode, Pat Henry, Mick Jones (Chair), Richard Hyde, Bernard Kirton, John Ross 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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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.