

Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

30 January 2007

Agenda

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2007 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

(3) (a) **Minutes of the meetings held on 19 December 2006**

(b) **Matters arising – Peugeot Update (Oral).**

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. Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Review – Consultation on Proposed Options by West Midlands Regional Assembly.

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The West Midlands Regional Assembly (WMRA) is consulting on its proposed option for Phase 2 of the Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy, covering district level housing growth figures, employment land, waste and some aspects of transport. The eight-week consultation period is from 8th January – 5th March 2007. A report is being made to Cabinet on 22nd February 2007 recommending a response to the consultation. Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to take an overview of the proposed options and advise Cabinet on its conclusions.

Recommendation

That the Committee take an overview of the proposed options for the Phase 2 Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy and advise the 22nd February 2007 Cabinet meeting of its conclusions in the light of the Director's comments and conclusions set out in the report.

For further information please contact Andy Cowan, Chief Planner, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412126 e-mail andycowan@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Review of the Regional Economic Strategy 2006/7

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

Advantage West Midlands have published a consultation document on policy choices about which they, their partners and other stakeholders are using to make decisions to help determine the shape and direction of the next Regional Economic Strategy. The consultation phase is the third in a planned five-stage review process and closes 28th February 2007. This paper reviews the document and proposes an appropriate response.

Recommendation

That Members are asked to –

1. Note the progress to date in the review of the West Midlands Economic Strategy undertaken by Advantage West Midlands, specifically relating to the current phase of consultation on policy choices.
2. Consider a role for this Committee in helping shape a response to the consultation and to consider the possible implications of the emergent West

Midlands Economic Strategy on strategic development and in particular, strategic investment opportunities, in Warwickshire.

For further information please contact David Hill, Economic Strategy Advisor, Regeneration Strategy and Europe, Economic and Environment Directorate Tel: 01926 418603 email davidhill@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. 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 – 11 January 2007

Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Minerals Strategy

Nuneaton and Bedworth Masterplan – Site Assembly and Implementation

Cabinet – 22 February 2007

Regional Spatial Strategy Review – Phase 2 Consultation

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

Planning and Climate Change – Government Consultation

Council - 13 December 2006

Bringing the Benefits of the 2012 Olympics to Warwickshire

Council – 14 March 2007

Regeneration and Competitiveness 2006-2010

Council – 27 June 2007

Nuneaton and Bedworth Master Plan – Consideration of Implementation Strategy (Deferred pending further investigation)

6. Any other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

Economic Development - Councillors Peter Barnes, Ken Browne, Michael Doody, Anne Forwood (Vice Chair), Eithne Goode, Pat Henry, Mick Jones (Chair), Richard Hyde, Bernard Kirton, Phillip Morris-Jones, 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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