

Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda

27 March 2007

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY 27 MARCH 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) **Minutes of the meetings held on 30 January 2007 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. Draft European and International Strategy.

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

In 2000, WCC Cabinet agreed six Policy Statements of Intent to act as guiding principles for the Council's European and International Strategy and associated Action Plans. The Strategy is now being reviewed and updated in light of the changing European and international context. The report sets out the policy context for this review, provides an overview of the new Strategy and attaches a draft Strategy at Appendix A for Members' observations.

Recommendation

That Committee:

- (1) Considers the draft and supports it as the basis for the new Strategy.
- (2) Forwards its observations on the draft Strategy to Cabinet.

For further information please contact Janet Fortune, Regional Strategy and Europe, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412739 e-mail janetfortune@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Environment and Economy Directorate Complaints and Compliments – April-December 2006

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

Progress on complaints and compliments received up to December 2006.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to –

- (1) Consider Environment and Economy Directorate's complaints from April to December 2006.
- (2) Request any additional information required.

For further information please contact Andy McDarmid, Environmental Management and Performance Manager, Economic and Environment Directorate Tel: 01926 418646 email andymcdarmid@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Peugeot Update

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report will update Members of redundancies and land use issues following the closure of the plant at Ryton-on Dunsmore.

Recommendation

The outcome of the discussions at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be referred to the Peugeot Partnership.

For further information please contact John Scouller, Head of Skills, Tourism and Economy Tel: 01926 412842 email johnscouller@warwickshire.gov.uk. or Roy Hillier, Investor Development Officer, Business Tourism and Economy Tel. 01926 412111 e-mail royhillier@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 – 19 April 2007

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

7. 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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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

