

# Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

# Agenda

23 AUGUST 2007

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 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.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

## 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.

### **3. Sub-Regional Review of Economic Development and Regeneration**

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Government has recently published their Sub-National review of economic development and regeneration in England, which signals a major shift in emphasis and direction in economic development. Local Authorities and sub-regional partnerships are to play a much stronger role in planning for and delivering economic development and regeneration activities, while Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) are strengthened in their strategic capacity. This report summarises the key issues arising from this review, and the implications for Warwickshire and the sub-region.

Members are asked to consider the attached Cabinet report and pass on their observations to Cabinet on 6 September 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

Observations are sought from members on the report attached at Appendix A, relating to the Sub-National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration, and any comments will be reported to Cabinet on 6 September 2007.

For further information please contact David Hill, Environment and Economy Directorate. Tel: 01926 e-mail davidhill@warwickshire.gov.uk

### **4. 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, Gordon Collett, Michael Doody, Anne Forwood (Vice Chair), Eithne Goode, Pat Henry, Mick Jones (Chair), Richard Hyde, Bernard Kirton, Phillip Morris-Jones, John Ross and Mick Stanley.

**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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