

# Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda

29 January 2007

The Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008 at 2:15 p.m.**

The agenda will be: -

## **1. Election of Chair**

## **2. 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.

### **(3) Minutes of the meetings held on 18 September 2007 and Matters Arising**

## **3. 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.

#### **4. Value for Monday Review of WCC Economic Development Services**

Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

(This report was not available at the time this agenda was printed and will be forwarded separately.)

The report responds to the requirement to identify efficiencies and economies to improve the value for money of the council's economic development services. It identifies savings and calls attention to the new government policies that should influence the approach taken by the council towards economic development.

##### **Recommendation**

That the Committee endorses the conclusions of the value for money review; recommends to Cabinet that the proposals for service efficiencies outlined in the report are put forward for further consideration in the 2008/2009 budget process; and, in the light of the unprecedented institutional changes currently occurring, including the heightened priority the Government has identified for the local authority role in economic development and regeneration, recommends the deferment of the implementation of more radical economies resulting in service cuts and that over the next year officers report on the implications of the institutional and legislative changes resulting from the SNR and the Comprehensive Spending Review so that they can be taken into account in advance of the budget considerations for 2009/2010.

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#### **5. 2007/08 Efficiency Savings – Environment and Economy Directorate Progress Report**

Report of the interim Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

This report outlines the progress the Environment and Economy has made to date in delivering the required efficiency savings in 2007/08 required as part of the 2007/08 budget.

##### **Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the progress made by the Environment and Economy Directorate in delivering the 2007/08 efficiency savings target.

For further information please contact Liz Firmstone, Financial Services Manager, Officer Tel: 01926 412534 e-mail [lizfirmstone@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:lizfirmstone@warwickshire.gov.uk)

#### **6. Mid-Year Directorate Report Card 2007/8 (April-September 2007)**

Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

This report provides an analysis of the Environment and Economy Directorate's performance at the mid-year point 2007/08. It reports on performance against the key performance indicators as set out in the Directorate Report Card.

## **Recommendation**

That the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers both the summary detail of the performance indicators within the Directorate Report Card at the mid-year point of 2007/8.

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## **7. Local Area Agreement Six Monthly Performance**

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

Reporting on the performance of the Local Area Agreement over the first six months.

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee:

- (a) Welcomes the comprehensive performance management information contained in this report
- (b) Comments upon the progress made to date in relation to the Economic Development & Enterprise block and relevant indicators in the Climate Change & Environment block of the LAA and remedial actions suggested by the Block Leader in respect of those measures that are currently forecasted to miss target
- (c) Makes initial comments on the indicators for the revised LAA

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## **8. Peugeot Ryton Plant Closure**

Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

This 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 partners represented on the Peugeot Partnership Land Use Theme Group.

For further information please contact Roy Hillier, Investor Development Officer Business Tourism and Economy Tel: 01926 412111 e-mail [royhillier@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:royhillier@warwickshire.gov.uk) or John Scouller, Head of Skills, Tourism and Economy Tel: 01926 412842 e-mail [johnscouller@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:johnscouller@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## **9. 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 10 January 2008**

Groundwork Coventry and Warwickshire Proposed New Partnership Agreement

#### **Cabinet 13 March 2008**

Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Formal Representations on Preferred Option

#### **Cabinet 22 May 2008**

World Class Stratford, proposed new footbridge and improvements of Waterside and Southern Lane.

Local Authorities Business Growth Incentive

#### **County Council – 24 June 2008**

Stratford Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

#### **County Council – 21 October 2008**

Economic Development O & S Chair's Annual Report

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