

Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4 March 2010

Agenda

The Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the
SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on 4 March 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

The agenda will be: -

1. Election of Vice 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.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers

(3) Minutes of the meetings of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 3 December 2009 and 12 February 2010 and matters arising

(4) Chair's Announcements

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 Environment 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 Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079 or e-mail annmawdsley@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. County Highways Contract

Members will receive a presentation on progress regarding the County Highways Contract.

For further information please contact Andrew Savage, Contract and Policy Manager, Tel. 01926 736542 E-mail andrewsavage@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Questions to the Portfolio Holder

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for Members of the Committee to put questions to the Portfolio Holders on any matters relevant to the Environment and Economy remit. Questions should exclude business to be discussed under the Quarterly Corporate Performance Report or any other report on this Agenda.

6. Quarter 3 - Corporate Performance Report 2009/10

Report of the Portfolio Holders for Environment and Economic Development

This report presents third quarter performance for 2009/10 under the enhanced performance management arrangements.

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Recommendation

That the Committee:

- Scrutinises the performance and improvement activity of services under the remit of the committee
- Make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder in relation to areas of under or over performance as part of the next round of the performance cycle
- Request that the Portfolio Holder report back to the Committee at the following meeting on the actions.

For further information please contact Tricia Morrison, Head of Performance, Tel: 01926 736319 E-mail triciamorrison@warwickshire.gov.uk or Martin Stott, Head of Environment and Resource, Tel: (01926) 412525 E-mail martinstott@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Review and Refresh of WCC Performance Indicators

Report not available by deadline – to follow

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive, Partnership and Performance Unit

The performance management framework of the Council is undergoing a Review and Refresh process, which involves all the performance measures that the Council currently uses to assess its performance. The process seeks to ensure that the right performance measures are selected to reflect the council's priorities, appropriate targets are allocated and targets are set in alignment with resources in 2010/11.

This report presents the proposed measures for inclusion under the Portfolios relevant to the remit of the Committee.

Recommendation

- Consider and challenge, where appropriate, the draft measures listed within Appendices A and B using the principles of good target setting and analysis contained within the report.

For further information please contact Tricia Morrison, Head of Performance, Tel: 01926 736319, E-mail triciamorrison@warwickshire.gov.uk.

8. Effectiveness of new County Highways Structure

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment & Economy

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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Warwickshire's highway maintenance organisation - County Highways - was restructured in July 2009, reducing the number of administrative areas from five down to two, based on a North/South split of the county. The Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee identified the effectiveness of the new structure as a matter it wished to consider after a reasonable settling in period had passed.

Recommendation

That Members note the financial savings and improvements in performance achieved through the restructuring of County Highways and consider the effectiveness of the new structure in delivering the highway maintenance service in Warwickshire.

For further information please contact Jeff Welsby, South Area Manager, Tel. 01926 736531 E-mail jeffwelsby@warwickshire.gov.uk.

9. Street Lighting and Energy Efficiency Measures

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment & Economy

This report provides information on street lighting energy use, the actions which have been taken to reduce use, and the options for future reductions including switching off selected lights for periods during the night.

Recommendation

This Committee supports:-

1. Actions being taken to reduce street lighting energy by using newer technology.
2. The extension of dimming, where designed using National Standards.
3. Demonstrations of part night operation of street lights with a view to formulating a policy for larger scale part night operation in future years.

For further information please contact Peter Samwell, County Highways Project Manager, Tel. 01926 412515 E-mail petersamwell@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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10. Forward Plan Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 11 March 2010

Speed Limit Review – Ansley Road Speed Limit Reduction

Cabinet – 27 May 2010

Capital Programme for Transport 2010-11

11. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- Penny Bould, Les Caborn, Chris Davis, Mike Doody (*Chair*), Jim Foster, Joan Lea, Barry Lobbett, Phillip Morris- Jones, Ray Sweet, Helen Walton, John Whitehouse and Chris Williams

Cabinet Portfolio Holders:- Alan Cockburn, Peter Fowler and Chris Saint

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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