

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 April 2006

Agenda

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2006 at 10:00 a.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:

North Warwickshire Borough Council – Councillors Joan Lea and Sid Tooth

Warwick District Council - Councillors Josie Compton and Eithne Goode

Rugby Borough Council – Councillor Gordon Collett

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2006 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. Referral from 11 April 2006 Council – Introduction of National Free Concessionary Travel

The following motion was referred by the County Council on 11 April 2006 to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration -

“ Proposer: Councillor Peter Barnes
Seconder: Councillor John Whitehouse

“This Council welcomes the announcement made by Chancellor Gordon Brown, in his budget speech on the 22nd March 2006, to further extend the concessionary fares scheme so that from 2008, people over 60 and disabled people will be able to travel for free on any local bus across England.

In preparation for this scheme, this Council calls for adequate funding from Central Government to end the problems and uncertainties with accessibility to transport, which the local authority is currently facing. This Council calls for a letter to be sent to Warwickshire’s MPs and the Local Government Association asking each to use their respective influence to secure appropriate funding.”

4. Climate Change Strategy for Warwickshire

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The report sets out the policy context for a Climate Change Strategy for Warwickshire, provides an overview of the Strategy and attaches at Appendix A the draft Strategy for Members consideration.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the Draft Climate Change Strategy for Warwickshire and recommends its adoption by Cabinet.

For further information please contact Martin Stott, Head of Waste and Environment. Tel: 01926 412525 e-mail Martinstott@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Best Value Review of Traffic Management – Report on Progress

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

This interim report advises the Committee on progress regarding the actions in the Service Improvement Plan in connection with the Best Value Review of Traffic Management and asks the Committee to endorse the actions completed to date and to agree to formally conclude the Review when the one outstanding item is completed.

Recommendation

That the Committee –

- (1) Endorses the actions taken to complete Actions A and C to H of the Service Improvement Plan; and
- (2) Confirms that the Best Value Review can be considered concluded when Action B (delegated powers to officers to determine minor traffic orders) is complete.

For further information please contact Jonathan Simkins, Traffic Project, Environment and Economy Dept., Tel: 01926 412938 e-mail jonathansimkins@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Future Work Programme and Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee

(a) Provisional Items for Future Meetings

A table setting out provisional items for future meetings is attached.

(b) Forward Plan

Cabinet – 4 May 2006

Capital Programme for Transport 2006-07

Road Maintenance Funding

Delegation of Powers for Determining Objections to Traffic Orders with a purely local interest

Council – 9 May 2006

North-South Public transport Corridor – Public Consultation on Options

Climate Change Strategy for Warwickshire

7. Any Other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- George Atkinson, Ken Browne (Chair), Richard Chattaway (Vice Chair), Jose Compton, Gordon Collett, Eithne Goode, Katherine King, Nina Knapman, Joan Lea, Bryan Levy, Phillip Morris-Jones and Ray Sweet.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder:- Councillor Martin Heatley (Environment).

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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