

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 November 2006

Agenda

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 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 Ray Sweet

Warwick District Council - Councillors Josie Compton and Eithne Goode

Rugby Borough Council – Councillor Gordon Collett

Stratford District Council - Councillor John Appleton

(3) Minutes of the meetings held on 14 September 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 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 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. Corporate Business Plan Target Review

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report details the targets set by Environment and Economy Directorate within the Corporate Business Plan 2006/9 regarding Environment medium term priorities.

Recommendation

That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee gives consideration to the targets within the Corporate Business Plan 2006/9 and relays its views on their appropriateness and any suggested improvement to Cabinet.

For further information please contact Maureen Oakes, Service Improvement Officer, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412796 e-maureenoakes@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Environment and Economy Directorate – Half-Year Performance Report 2006-07.

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report presents the latest performance update with respect of the Environment and Economy Directorate objectives.

Recommendation

That the Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- (a) Consider the Performance Report submitted by the Environment and Economy Directorate Service for the half-year year 2006/07.
- (b) Endorse any proposed remedial actions.
- (c) Request any additional information required.

For further information please contact Maureen Oakes, Service Improvement Officer, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412796 e-mail maureenoakes@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Review of Speed Management Strategy

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report summarises the outcomes of the Members' Seminar held following the publication of Circular 1/06 Setting Local Speed Limits. It recommends that officers now produce a draft Speed Management Strategy for consideration by this Committee and ultimately by Cabinet.

Recommendation

That a draft Speed Management Strategy be prepared for consideration by this Committee and ultimately by Cabinet taking into account –

1. DfT Circular 1/2006.
2. Warwickshire Final Local Transport Plan 2006.
3. The views expressed at the Speed Management Seminar.
4. The views expressed at this meeting of the Committee.

For further information please contact Malcolm Graham, Senior Engineer, Road Safety Unit Tel: 01926 412179 e-mail malcolmgraham@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Criteria for Casualty Reduction Schemes

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report considers the way in which casualty reduction schemes are prioritised.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

For further information please contact Estyn Williams, Group Manager, Road Safety Unit Tel: 01926 412712 e-mail estynwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. 2007/08 to 2009/10 Spending Proposals of the Environment and Economy Directorate.

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The report details the 2007/8 to 2009/10 revenue and capital spending proposals of the Environment and Economy Directorate and seeks the Committee's views on both the spending proposals and the funding options proposed.

Recommendation

That the Committee comments on the 2007/8 to 2009/10 spending and consequential funding proposals identified by the Environment and Economy Directorate.

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

8. 2006/07 Efficiency Savings Environment and Economy Directorate

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy Directorate.

This report outlines the progress the Environment and Economy Directorate has made to date in delivering the required efficiency savings in 2006/7 required as part of the 2006/7 budget.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the progress made by the Environment and Economy Directorate in delivering the 2006/7 efficiency savings target.

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

9. 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 Items

Cabinet – 23 November 2006

Stratford Bridge Consultation Results – Outcome of Consultation and next steps

Cabinet – 11 January 2007

Local Transport Plan Settlement 2007-08 and Outline Transport Capital Programme

10. Any Other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- John Appleton, George Atkinson, Ken Browne (Chair), Jose Compton, Gordon Collett, Eithne Goode, Mick Jones, Katherine King, Joan Lea, Bryan Levy, Ray Sweet and John Whitehouse.

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

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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