

# Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

# Agenda

20 September 2007

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2007** 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.

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 meeting held on 21st and 28th June 2007 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](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. 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 27 September 2007**

Contracts for Biowaste Treatment (EXEMPT)

Summary of Work and Bikeability Scheme

Harbury Station Bridge Proposals

Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order of land adjacent to public footpath SD1 Alderminster and Whitchurch

Housing Green Paper – ‘Homes for the Future’

##### **Cabinet – 10 October 2007**

Long Term Residual Waste Treatment Options (EXEMPT)

Coventry Energy from Waste Plant and Contract Tonnage

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

##### **Cabinet – 18 October 2007**

Request for Verge Parking

##### **Cabinet – 6 December 2007**

LTP Funding of Safety Cameras 2008-07 – 2010-2011

##### **Cabinet – 20 December 2007**

Road Construction Contracts

### **4. Environment and Economy Directorate – Full-Year Performance Report 2006/07.**

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report presents full year performance outturn with respect to the objectives of the Environment and Economy Directorate objectives.

#### **Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to

- (i) consider the performance report submitted by Environment and Economy Directorate for the full year 2006/07
- (ii) Endorse any proposed remedial actions.
- (i) Request any additional information required.

For further information please contact Andy McDarmaid, Environmental Management and Performance Manager, Environment and Economy Directorate  
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## **5. Comparative Performance**

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

Warwickshire County Council is a member of a performance benchmarking club. This report introduces the indicators used by that club that are relevant to the work of the Committee.

### **Recommendation**

That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the comparative performance of the County Council against the indicators used by the PricewaterhouseCooper benchmarking club and comments on those areas of performance which it would like to examine further.

For further information please contact Paul Williams, Scrutiny Officer, Performance and Development Directorate, Tel: 01926 418196 e-mail [paulwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:paulwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## **6. Street Lighting Hours of Operation**

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

In January this Committee asked for a consultation to be carried out to gauge views about the hours of operation of street lights. This report provides feedback on the consultation and options for the future.

### **Recommendation**

That :

- (1) A policy of switching off street lights is not supported.
- (2) A small trial of street light dimming in the Warwick Area is supported and, subject to the outcome of the trial, further consultation is carried out at a future date.

For further information please contact Peter Samwell, Policy Manager, County Highways Project Manager Tel: 01926 736530 e-mail [petersamwell@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:petersamwell@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## **7. Any Other Business**

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

## **8. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information**

To consider passing the following resolution:

‘That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972’.

## 9. Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007

## 10. Warwickshire Highway Maintenance Contract with Carillion – Report on Progress.

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report is an update on progress during the past 12 months.

### **Recommendation**

That the progress with the Highway Maintenance Contract is noted and that a further report on progress is requested in 12 months' time.

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### **Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership**

**County Councillors:-** John Appleton, George Atkinson, Ken Browne(Chair), Jose Compton, Gordon Collett, Eithne Goode, Katherine King, Joan Lea, Bryan Levy, Ray Sweet(Vice Chair), Sid Tooth 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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