

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

8 November 2007

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 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 20 September and 9 October 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

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 15 November 2007

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

Proposed Warwick Bus Station

Quality Bus Corridor, Long Lawford – Rugby TC

Nuneaton and Bedworth County Highways Area Officer Depot Accommodation.

Cabinet – 6 December 2007

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

Cabinet – 20 December 2007

Road Construction Contracts

Annual Review of Corporate Environmental and Sustainability ISO1 4001

Cabinet – 10 January 2008

LTP Settlement 2008-09 and Outline Capital Programme for Transport 2008-09

4. Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy First Annual Report

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report outlines progress on delivering the partnership projects in the Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy to which Warwickshire County Council has an input. The report also outlines the County Council's proposed commitment for the next year for approval.

Recommendation

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to -

- (1) Give views on the priorities for Warwickshire County Council in supporting the delivery of the Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy in the coming year.
- (2) Agree that future reporting on the Climate Change Partnership should be incorporated into the Corporate Review of Environmental Sustainability presented to Cabinet in December each year.

For further information please contact Jacky Lawrence, Strategic Energy Manager, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 416324 e-mail JackyLawrence@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Issues Relating to the A5 in Warwickshire

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

At its meeting on 26 April 2007, this Committee requested that a report be presented to this meeting regarding the A5. Discussions have been held with officers in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire County Councils, as well with the Highways Agency, to review the history of traffic management and development control along the A5 corridor and to identify works which have been carried out to date and are programmed for the future.

Recommendation

1. That officers continue to meet with their counterparts at Leicestershire and Northamptonshire County Councils to discuss development and transportation issues on an as-needed basis.
2. That officers continue to work with the Highways Agency to develop transportation modelling capabilities to the benefit of both organisations.
3. That this Committee considers whether to write formally to Leicestershire and Northamptonshire County Councils to invite members to attend a Joint Members meeting to discuss issues relating to the A5 corridor.

For further information please contact Shirley Reynolds, Team Leader - Highways and Transportation Studies Tel: 01926 735668 e-mail shirleyreynolds@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Concessionary Travel in Warwickshire

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report provides a summary of how the new national concessionary transport scheme, due to commence in April 2008, will benefit residents in Warwickshire.

Recommendation

That Members note this report and endorse the partnership working between Warwickshire County Council and the five District and Borough Councils across the county in delivering a national concessionary travel scheme from April 2008 for older and disabled passengers in Warwickshire.

For further information please contact Kevin McGovern, Transport Operations Group Manager, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412930 e-mail kevinmcgovern@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. 2007/08 Efficiency Savings – Environment and Economy Directorate Progress Report

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report outlines the progress the Environment and Economy Directorate 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
Tel: 01926 412534 email lizfirmstone@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Any Other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

9. 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’.

10. Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2007

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

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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