

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

24 January 2008

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2008 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 8 November 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 10 January 2008

Road Construction Contracts

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

Rugby Western Relief Road and Capital Receipts Business Case
B4451/07 Harbury Station Bridge

Cabinet – 31 January 2008

Sustainable School Transport Strategy

Implementation of Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004

Annual Review of Corporate Environmental and Sustainability ISO1 4001

Waste – Working with Staffordshire CC and MBC Walsall

Cabinet – 24 April 2008

Capital Programme for Transport 08-09

Council - 18 March 2008

Rugby Western Relief Road and Capital Receipts Business Case

Environment O & S Annual Report

4. Mid-year Directorate Report Card 2007/08 (April – September 2007)

Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

This report provides an analysis of the Environment and Economy Directorate's performance at the mid-year point for 2007/08. It reports on performance against the key performance indicators as set out in the Directorate Report Card.

Recommendation

That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers both the summary and detail of the performance indicators within the Directorate Report Card at the mid-year point of 2007/08.

For further information please contact Andy McDarmaid, Environmental Management and Performance Manager Tel: 01926 418640 e-mail andydarmaid@warwickshire.gov.uk or Ron Tennant, Performance Management Officer Tel: 01926 412798 e-mail rontennant@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. 2007/08 Efficiency Savings – Environment and Economy Directorate Progress Report

Report of the Interim 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

6. Local Area Agreement – 6 Monthly update on Performance

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

Update on the Local Area Agreement - 6 monthly update on performance

Recommendation

Agree the content of the performance report.

For further information please contact Nick Gower-Johnson, County Partnership Manager. Tel: 01926 412053 e-mail nickgower-johnson@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Green Transport Plan Progress

Report of the Interim Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

This report updates Members of the progress made with regards to our own Green Transport Plan approved in 2004.

Recommendation

That Members support the implementation of 'harder' Green Transport Plan measures.

For further information please contact Nicola Small, Sustainable Travel Project Officer Tel: 01926 412104 email NicolaSmall@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Financial Position of the Smallholdings Estate

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The Smallholdings Estate returned a net cost to the County Council of £27,189 in FY2006/7 and it is expected to make a small overall contribution (profit) of around £25,000 in 2006/7. In both years, however, the estate was expected to yield a significantly higher contribution than was achieved. The report outlines actions being taken to ensure that the Smallholdings Estate will achieve significantly higher contributions to the County's overall budget in future years.

Recommendation

That the Committee endorses the proposed actions which will ensure significant annual contributions to the County's overall budget from the Smallholdings estate in future years.

For further information please contact Nicholas M Robinson, Rural Communities Manager, Environment and Economy Directorate Tel: 01926 412206 e-mail nickrobinson@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Any Other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

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, Joan Lea, Ray Sweet (Vice Chair), Sid Tooth, John Wells, John Whitehouse and one vacancy..

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

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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