

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

6 March 2008

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY 6 MARCH 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 24 January 2008 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.

Additional Recommendation - Developing the 2008/09 Core Work Programme

The Committee is asked to consider whether any other issues should be included as part of the Core Work Programme 2008/09

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group considered what should be included in a 2008/09 core work programme for overview and scrutiny.

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group are recommending the inclusion of the following items

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers Benchmarking reports
- Directorate/Performance Reports
- Local Area Agreement Performance Reports
- Medium Term Financial Plan/Finance Reports
- Action Plans arising from external inspections/reports.

The Group asked that Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Cabinet be consulted on any other issues that should be included for 2008/09. Any suggestions will be fed back to the next meeting of the Group on 30 April 2008.

(b) Forward Plan items

Cabinet – 13 March 2008

Re-allocation of Waste Management Capital Fund to Support Partnership Working with Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and other key schemes to Implement Warwickshire Waste Strategy

Approval to sell Famington Farm, Bidford on Avon.

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. 1st Draft of the Corporate Business Plan 2008-2011

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This report presents the first draft of the Corporate Business Plan 2008-11 and the updated Corporate risk register for comment, following their consideration by Cabinet, and with the intention of a final version being agreed by Full Council on 18th March 2008.

Recommendation

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee are recommended to:

- (1) Consider and agree the 1st draft of the Corporate Business Plan 2008-11, prior to its consideration by Full Council on 18th March 2008.
- (2) Accept the key corporate risks facing the County Council in delivering its objectives and the actions put in place to manage them.

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5. Draft Sustainable Schools Strategy for Warwickshire

Report of the Interim Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

The report provides the context of an overview of the Strategy. The Draft Strategy is attached as Appendix A for Members' consideration.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the Draft Sustainable Schools Strategy for Warwickshire attached as Appendix A and recommends its adoption by Cabinet.

For further information please contact Barbara Golding, Environmental Management Officer – Education, Tel: 01926 418065 barbaragolding@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Local Area Agreement Quarter 3 Performance Report

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

Detailing Quarter 3 Performance Information – LAA & LPSA2 Targets.

Recommendation

- a) Welcomes the comprehensive performance management information contained in this report
- b) Comments upon the progress made to date in relation to relevant indicators in the Climate Change & Environment and the Safer Communities blocks of the LAA and remedial actions suggested by the Block Leader in respect of those measures that are currently forecasted to miss target

c) Makes comments on the indicators for the revised LAA

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7. 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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