

North Warwickshire Area Committee

13 September, 2006

Agenda

The North Warwickshire Area Committee will meet at Magistrates Court Building, Sheepy Road, Atherstone, CV9 1YD on **WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 2006 at 6.00 p.m.**

The agenda will be: -

1. General

(1) Apologies for Absence

(2) Members' Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members are reminded that they should declare 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 members serving as North Warwickshire Borough Councillors are declared below:-

Councillor Peter Fowler
Councillor Colin Hayfield
Councillor Joan Lea
Councillor Brian Moss
Councillor Mick Stanley
Councillor Ray Sweet

(3) Minutes of the Meetings held on the 26 July, 2006 and 15 August, 2006 and Matters Arising

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2. Public Question Time

Up to thirty minutes is allowed for the public to ask questions on any matter relevant to the business of the Committee. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes. If you wish to submit a question please send it to Alison Williams, North Warwickshire Area Manager on (01827) 721084, E-mail alisonwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk at least five working days before the meeting with your contact details. This will enable the Area Manager to advise you of the procedure at the meeting.

Part A Non-Executive Functions

None

Part B Executive Functions

3. Youth Opportunities Funding Panel Presentation

Presentation to introduce Members to the concept of the new Funding Panel run by young people.

4. Presentation on Safer Neighbourhoods

5. North Warwickshire Well-Being and Social Inclusion Fund 2006/07

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

To receive details of Well-Being Fund Commissions for decision and to note the progress of previous allocations.

Recommendation

That the Area Committee:

1. note the end of project reports for two funded projects 'People in Employment' and 'Supporting Financial Inclusion'.
2. approve Well-Being Fund Commissions for:
 - i) Healthy living / personal safety workshops – £2,523
 - ii) Governance through the ages – £1,250
 - iii) Vital Villages – £5,000
 - iv) Community Regeneration Project – £10,000

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- v) Enhanced Mentoring Services – £5,000
 - vi) Village Traffic Plans Officer - £15,000
 - vii) Local Skills for Local Needs - £5,000
 - viii) North Warwickshire Play Strategy - £4,000
3. approve the use of Social Inclusion Funds to support the project 'Homelessness Prevention & Financial Literacy Project - £10,000'.

For further information please contact Alistair Rigby, Community Partnership Officer, Tel: 01827 715646 E-mail alistairrigby@warwickshire.gov.uk or Alison Williams, North Warwickshire Area Manager, Tel: 01827 721084 E-mail alisonwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Review of North Warwickshire Area Business Plan 2005/06

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

This report considers the County Council's performance and proposed actions on promoting lifelong learning and personal development in the North Warwickshire Area.

Recommendation

That the North Warwickshire Area Committee:

1. Notes the Performance Report for 2005/06 in respect of Promoting Lifelong Learning and Personal Development
2. Approves the Business Plan for 2006/07 in respect of Promoting Lifelong Learning and Personal Development
3. Comments on these reports as members see fit with special reference to issues which they might wish to have discussed in further detail.

For further information please contact Alison Williams, North Warwickshire Area Manager, Tel: 01827 721084 E-mail alisonwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

This report summarises progress made to date in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA. Much work is currently in progress and it is anticipated that a verbal report will be made to the meeting and that the first draft LAA will be distributed to Committee members for comment on or about 8th September 2006.

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Recommendations:

1. That Committee notes the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA.
2. That Committee makes such comments as it considers appropriate in relation to the first draft LAA (to be distributed on or about 8th September 2006).

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

8. Train Services to North Warwickshire Stations and the Future of Polesworth Station

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

In December 2008 the train services calling at North Warwickshire stations will be substantially changed. This report informs Members of these changes and requests that Members confirm their views on the future of Polesworth Railway Station.

Recommendation

That:-

1. Area Committee welcomes the increase in train services to North Warwickshire stations proposed in the December 2008 timetable.
2. Area Committee supports the retention of a limited train service to Polesworth station of up to three trains per day in each direction, subject to the external funding of the infrastructure works required to return the station to full operation.
3. If external funding is not forthcoming to carry out the infrastructure works at Polesworth Station, Area Committee supports the provision of an hourly train service to Atherstone and that Officers should seek to ensure the Department for Transport or the rail industry funds a public transport link to Atherstone and Tamworth Stations from Polesworth.
4. The above recommendations of the Area Committee are made known to Cabinet should the Department for Transport seek to start the formal closure procedure for Polesworth Station.

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For further information please contact Lee White, Project Manager – Major Public Transport Schemes, Tel: 01926 735671 E-mail leewhite@warwickshire.gov.uk.

9. 2006-07 Capital Programme for Transport - Delegated Budget

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy.

A request for a modification to the junction of the B5000 Grendon Road and Common Lane in Polesworth has been made by Councillor Stanley. This scheme could be funded from the £40,000 delegated budget allocated to the Area Committee for transport projects to address local priorities. Area Committee is requested to authorise that a consultation with local residents be undertaken prior to the scheme being included in the programme for 2006-07.

Recommendation

That a consultation with local residents be undertaken on a proposed improvement to the junction of the B5000 Grendon Road with Common Lane, Polesworth.

For further information please contact Chris Burrows, Transport Planning Unit, Tel: 01926 735681 E-mail chrisburrows@warwickshire.gov.uk.

10. Provisional Items for Future Meetings

29 November 2006

Arts in North Warwickshire

Dates not yet set

Review of Health and how the PCTs are liaising with Local Authorities

Relocation of the ICT Learning Suite

11. Any Other Items

which the Chair considers urgent

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29 November 2006, 6.00pm – venue to be confirmed.

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Forwood, Fowler, Grant, Hayfield, Lea, Moss, Stanley, Sweet.

General Enquiries: Please contact Ann Mawdsley (Committee Administrator) on 01926 418079 or E-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Enquiries about specific reports: **Please contact the officers named in the reports.**

**Please note that this agenda and the reports referred to are available in large print format on request.
Contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079**

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