

Overview and Scrutiny Board

20 July 2011

Agenda

The Overview and Scrutiny Board will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **Wednesday 20 July 2011 at 2.00 p.m.**

The agenda will be:

1. General

- (1) Apologies
- (2) **Members' Disclosures 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 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

- (3) **Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 25 May 2011**

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 Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

To be sure of receiving an answer to an appropriate question, please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079 or e-mail

annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk 5 working days before the meeting.

Otherwise, please arrive 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. Questions to the Portfolio Holders/Portfolio Holders Update

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for Members of the Committee to put questions to the Portfolio Holders (Councillor Alan Farnell, Leader, Colin Hayfield, Customers, Access and Physical Assets, Councillor Martin Heatley, Improvement and Workforce, Councillor David Wright, Finance, Governance and IT) on any matters relevant to the remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and for the Portfolio Holders to update the Board on relevant issues.

4. Approval of the WCC Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

A requirement of the legislation that followed the severe floods of Summer 2007, is that the Lead Local Flood Authorities submit a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment to the Environment Agency no later than June 22nd 2011. Under the terms of the legislation, Lead Local Flood Authorities are all unitary and upper tier authorities, so includes Warwickshire County Council.

This report gives the background of the PFRA and contains a brief summary of its contents.

Recommendation

That the Board consider and comment on the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

For further information please contact Peter Bones, Flood Risk Manager, Emergency Planning, Tel: 01926 412826 E-mail

petebones@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Relationship with Schools

The Overview and Scrutiny Board are asked to give consideration to the report that went to Cabinet on 14 July 2011 which is attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is invited to consider the attached report and recommendations and consider any comments it wishes to feedback to Cabinet as part of the consultation process.

For further information please contact Paul Galland, Strategic Director, Tel. 01926 412022 E-mail paulgalland@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2010/11

This report sets out the outturn of the treasury management process during 2010/11.

Recommendation

That the Board considers and comments on the annual Treasury Management outturn report.

For further information please contact Phil Triggs, Group Manager, Tel: 01926 412227 E-mail philtriggs@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Review of Communication with the Public and Financial Accountability – Stage Two Report

Report of the Chair of the Task and Finish Group

For the last few months a task and finish group of elected members has been considering ways in which councillors can better understand the council's finances and thus be better placed to be held to account for the decisions they make. This report containing recommendations is the second and last of a larger review commissioned in July 2010.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Board comments on the review report and agrees to send the task and finish group's recommendations to Cabinet.

For further information please contact Councillor Tim Naylor or Paul Williams, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, 01926 418196 E-mail paulwilliamscl@warwickshire.gov.uk.

8. Scrutiny Reviews Progress Report and New Proposals for Task and Finish Groups

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to comment on the progress of scrutiny reviews and consider any new proposals for task and finish groups to undertake reviews.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Board

- (1) Comments on the progress of the scrutiny reviews
- (2) Considers any new proposals for Task and Finish Groups
- (3) Decides which groups it wishes to commission and appoints the members and chairs of those groups.

For further information please contact Michelle McHugh, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01926 412144 E-mail michellemchugh@warwickshir.gov.uk.

9. Work Programme

The Board is asked to consider the items it would wish to include in its future work programme.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Board considers the draft work programme at Appendix 1 and amends as appropriate.

For further information please contact Michelle McHugh, Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01926 412144 E-mail michellemchugh@warwickshir.gov.uk or Ann Mawdsley, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Tel: 01926 418079 E-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

10. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

The future meetings of the Board are scheduled as follows at 2pm on:

28 September 2011

30 November 2011

25 January 2012

28 March 2012

Jim Graham
Chief Executive
Shire Hall
Warwick

Committee Membership

Councillors: John Appleton (Chair), Les Caborn, Jeff Clarke, Peter Fowler, Bernard Kirton, Tim Naylor, Jerry Roodhouse, John Ross, Dave Shilton, June Tandy, John Whitehouse, Sonja Wilson.

Co-opted members for Partnership matters as follows

District / Borough Council

North Warwickshire Borough Council:

Councillor Derek Pickard

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council:

Councillor John Haynes

Rugby Borough Council

Councillor Jim Shera

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Sue Main

Warwick District Council:

Councillor Bill Gifford

Warwickshire Police Authority

Clive Parsons

NHS Warwickshire

Janet Smith

Portfolio Holders:-

Councillor Alan Farnell - Leader

Councillor Colin Hayfield -Customers, Workforce and Partnership

Councillor Martin Heatley – Improvement and Workforce

Councillor David Wright – Finance, Governance and IT

For further information please contact Ann Mawdsley, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Resources Group, Tel. 01926 418079 or e-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk