

# County Council

Date: Tuesday 14 December 2021  
Time: 10.00 am  
Venue: Council Chamber, Shire Hall

## Membership

Councillor Peter Gilbert (Chair), Councillor John Horner (Vice-Chair), Councillor Jo Barker, Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne, Councillor Brett Beetham, Councillor Margaret Bell, Councillor Parminder Singh Birdi, Councillor Sarah Boad, Councillor Barbara Brown, Councillor Peter Butlin, Councillor Jonathan Chilvers, Councillor Jeff Clarke, Councillor John Cooke, Councillor Andy Crump, Councillor Yousef Dahmash, Councillor Piers Daniell, Councillor Jackie D'Arcy, Councillor Tracey Drew, Councillor Judy Falp, Councillor Jenny Fradgley, Councillor Sarah Feeney, Councillor Bill Gifford, Councillor Clare Golby, Councillor Brian Hammersley, Councillor John Holland, Councillor Dave Humphreys, Councillor Marian Humphreys, Councillor Andy Jenns, Councillor Kam Kaur, Councillor Jack Kennaugh, Councillor Justin Kerridge, Councillor Christopher Kettle, Councillor Sue Markham, Councillor Jan Matecki, Councillor Sarah Millar, Councillor Chris Mills, Councillor Jeff Morgan, Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell, Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher, Councillor Daren Pemberton, Councillor Caroline Phillips, Councillor Wallace Redford, Councillor Howard Roberts, Councillor Will Roberts, Councillor Kate Rolfe, Councillor Jerry Roodhouse, Councillor Isobel Seccombe OBE, Councillor Jill Simpson-Vince, Councillor Tim Sinclair, Councillor Mejar Singh, Councillor Richard Spencer, Councillor Heather Timms, Councillor Mandy Tromans, Councillor Robert Tromans, Councillor Martin Watson, Councillor Adrian Warwick and Councillor Andrew Wright

Items on the agenda: -

## 1. General

### (1) Apologies for Absence

### (2) Members' Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

### (3) Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 September 2021.

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### (4) Chair's announcements

### (5) Petitions

To receive any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme.

## **(6) Public Speaking**

To note any requests to speak on any item on the agenda in accordance with the Council's Public Speaking Scheme (see note at end of the agenda).

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| <b>2. Application for Dispensation</b>   | 27 - 28   |
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## **11. Notices of Motion**

To consider the following motions submitted by members in accordance with Standing Order 5:

### **(1) Liberal Democrat Motion**

This Council has responsibility for flood resilience and has been successful in leveraging funding from the Environment Agency to deliver flood prevention schemes, it also partners with the River Severn Partnership and the River Trent Partnership which is a group of local authorities working together to gain extra funding from government for flood prevention works.

This Council also recognises the amount of planned growth in housing across the County. Weather patterns are changing, and we now see increasingly heavy rain falls which are creating drainage issues especially on highways in urban areas.

The County Council acting as the highway authority, uses its climate change adaptation policy as a framework of action where it needs to adapt to these more frequent changes in weather.

This Council therefore

1. Requests that the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Climate & Culture arranges for a review to be conducted to ensure that effective drainage policies are fully considered.

and

2. Invites Seven Trent Water to explain its adaptation policies in relation to drainage matters and to explore closer working relationships with elected members in the Divisions they represent.

Proposer: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Seconder: Councillor Bill Gifford

(2) **Conservative Motion**

This Council has made the commitment within the Council Plan 2020-2025 - *'We will partner with our communities to plant a tree for every Warwickshire resident'*. In order to meet this commitment, this Council supports the:

1. Production of a Tree/Woodland Strategy for Warwickshire (with an offer to the District and Borough Councils to co-produce the Strategy) with the key priorities of connecting green corridors, increasing biodiversity and increasing tree coverage
2. Production of a costed action plan for consideration with target dates for the provision of the tree cover within the county to meet this commitment
3. Identification of land that could be used for tree planting, including land owned by the County Council, such as country parks, particularly to support the Queens Green Canopy
4. Acceleration of the development of a costed business case of options, to include the option of establishing a tree nursery within the county, to secure a reliable tree supply for the future
5. Investigation of the opportunities for community orchards to help improve the supply of fresh, local produce and boost the health of residents;
6. Proposal to work with the voluntary sector to deliver tree planting plans, including via Borough, District and Parish Councils;
7. Involvement of schools, colleges and universities and their pupils and students in carrying out tree planting and woodland maintenance;
8. Identification and documentation of sources of funding

available to the Council and voluntary organisations to pay for tree planting

9. Reporting of progress on the commitment on a regular basis to the cross party Climate Change Working Party.

Proposer: Councillor Tim Sinclair

Seconder: Councillor Adrian Warwick

(3) **Labour Motion (1)**

This Council notes that two of our blue light services serve the county of Warwickshire, that is Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. Our ambulance service is provided via West Midlands Ambulance Services. This Council considers that the NHS should consider the option of establishing a Warwickshire Ambulance Service, as separate from the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Proposer: Councillor John Holland

Seconder: Councillor Barbara Brown

(4) **Labour Motion (2)**

This Council notes the statement by the Chancellor in his October budget speech stressing the importance of the first 1001 days of life. Accordingly, this Council supports the development of a costed business case to consider the relaunch of Sure Start Children's Centres in the county.

Proposer: Councillor Barbara Brown

Seconder: Councillor Sarah Millar

**12. Member Question Time (Standing Order 7)**

A period of up to 40 minutes is allocated for questions to the Leader, Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

**13. Any Other Items of Urgent Business**

To consider any other items that the Chair considers are urgent.

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