

County Council

Date: Thursday 29 September 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Shire Hall

Membership

Councillor Dave Humphreys (Chair), Councillor Christopher Kettle (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 Peter Gilbert, Councillor Clare Golby, Councillor Brian Hammersley, Councillor John Holland, Councillor Marian Humphreys, Councillor Andy Jenns, Councillor Kam Kaur, Councillor Jack Kennaugh, Councillor Justin Kerridge, 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 Ian Shenton, 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. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The Council will observe a minute's silence in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Chairman will then invite Members to reflect on her life and legacy.

2. General

(1) Apologies for Absence

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

(3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2022.

(4) Chair's Announcements

(5) Petitions

To receive the following petition submitted in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme:

- Speed Cameras in Long Itchington

(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).

3. Education Capital Programme 2022/23 23 - 28

4. The Impact of Inflation on the Capital Programme 29 - 34

5. Officer Delegations 35 - 54

6. Notices of Motion

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

(1) Liberal Democrat Motion: Cost of Living

This Council recognises that we are in the middle of the worst cost of living crisis for 50 years and that it is having a major effect on many local people:

This Council therefore calls for a local Cost-of-Living Emergency Summit to be arranged, with stakeholders, including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trades Unions, Chambers of Commerce and local MPs to explore how more local help can be provided for those struggling with the cost of living – including extending the use of discretionary payments.

This Council also notes that increasingly Local Authorities are developing 'Library Plus' or 'Warm Bank' schemes, to give residents a place to stay warm and keep the cost of bills at home down after school and during evenings and weekends. The Council requests the Chief Executive to develop a funded plan for the use of 'Warm Banks' across the County which will include later opening for Libraries and other council owned buildings, where possible.

Finally this Council requests that the Leader writes to the Secretary of State expressing this Council's concerns over the impact that the cost of living is having on residents and also writes to the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority and Leaders of all other Local Authorities in the West Midlands Region asking them to pass similar motions so we can take a united stand as Local Government to force the Government to do more to help local people.

Proposer: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Seconder: Councillor Sarah Boad

(2) Labour Motion: Cost of Living

In response to the current rate of inflation and its effect on the residents and businesses of Warwickshire, this Council will

- Expand on the information already available on the County Council Website, to create a 'Cost of Living Hub' as an online resource offering practical and financial advice to struggling residents.
- Convene a local Cost of Living Emergency Summit, inviting stakeholders such as Citizen's Advice, food banks, trade unions, charities and other partners to help address the current crisis
- Work with partner agencies to develop a 'One Warwickshire' regular system of partnership reporting to help track the impact of the cost of living crisis at local level to grow our evidence base for our needs analysis and so we can target our response accurately.
- Work with community and voluntary organisations to develop a community response to the crisis, building on what already exists and taking a social justice approach. Ideas include a network of welcoming spaces where people can spend time, have access to Wi-Fi, free activities and support
- Work with council staff and VCSE organisations to roll out signposting training to ensure we maximise opportunities to inform and support residents in crisis and direct them towards services that can advise on saving money on heating bills, employment and skills and wellbeing support.
- Seek to prioritise, subject to available funding, children's centres and nurseries when faced with real-terms Government funding cuts to Local Authorities.

- Call on Party Group Leaders to lobby the Government to:
 - i. Keep benefit payments in line with inflation, in a system similar to the state pension 'triple lock'; and
 - ii. Continue to provide free school meals during school holidays and for it to expand eligibility to include anyone in receipt of Universal Credit.

Proposer: Councillor Sarah Feeney

Seconder: Councillor Sarah Millar

(3) Green Motion: Affiliation to Electronics Watch

This Council will:

1. Investigate affiliation to Electronics Watch in order to support our efforts for supply chain accountability for procurement of ICT hardware, electronics, including solar panels and batteries.
2. Bring a report to Resources and Fire & Rescue Overview & Scrutiny no later than February 2023.

Proposer: Councillor Jonathan Chilvers

Seconder: Councillor Will Roberts

7. 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.

8. Any Other items of Urgent Business

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

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Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall, Warwick

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