# **County Council**

Date: Tuesday 26 September 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Shire Hall

# **Membership**

Councillor Christopher Kettle (Chair), Councillor Jeff Morgan (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 Sarah Feeney, Councillor Jenny Fradgley, Councillor Bill Gifford, Councillor Peter Gilbert, 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 Sue Markham, Councillor Jan Matecki, Councillor Sarah Millar, Councillor Chris Mills, 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 Adrian Warwick, Councillor Martin Watson 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

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- (4) Chair's announcements
- (5) 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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# 3. Appointment of Scheme Member Representative to the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme

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# 4. Organisational Structure and Constitutional Changes

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### 5. Notice of Motion

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

# (1) <u>Digital Divide</u>

This Council notes that there is an ever-increasing use and reliance for services including payment by the use of smart phones, Apps and other digital devices as well as the increase in the use of artificial intelligence and communication tools such as chat functions within websites.

Whilst it is recognised that the use of technology has brought benefits to sectors of the community, it has also driven a growing digital divide.

In recognition of this divide Council requests that the Chief Executive and Leader:

- 1. Ensure that implementation of this Council's digital by design policy does not exacerbate the digital divide and that services are accessible to residents of all ages.
- 2. Ensure that the Council's strategic policies are reviewed against best practice to ensure they meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010;
- 3. Ask the Resources and Fire and Rescue Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider this issue and bring forward any recommendations to Cabinet as to what improvements can be made in relation to accessibility of services;
- 4. Support Warwickshire County Council's ongoing work with The Good Things Foundation in tackling the digital divide.

Proposer: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Seconder: Councillor Sarah Feeney



# 6. 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.

# 7. Any Other items of Urgent Business

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

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Shire Hall, Warwick



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