

County Council

Date: Tuesday 19 December 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 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

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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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9. Notices of Motion

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

(1) Liberal Democrat Motion:

Care Experience as a Protected Characteristic

This Council recognises that the Equality Act 2010 currently protects people against discrimination for protected characteristics including age, race, gender and sexuality, but not care-experience.

The council notes that there is research suggesting that those who are care-experienced are more likely than the general population to face significant challenges in their life, such as mental health issues, barriers to further education, prison sentences and early mortality.

This council will therefore write to the Government asking them to amend the Equality Act 2010 to include care-experience as a protected characteristic and commits that Warwickshire County Council will ensure that in designing its policies and undertaking any form of Equality Impact Assessment care experience is considered as a protected characteristic pending any change to legislation.

Proposer: Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Seconder: Councillor Kate Rolfe

(2) Labour Motion 1:

Average Speed Cameras

There are areas of the County where residents have raised

significant concerns about excessive speeding by drivers.

There has also been a report published by the RAC Foundation on the effectiveness of average speed cameras. On average, the permanent average speed camera sites analysed saw a reduction in injury collisions, particularly those of a higher severity:

- Fatal and serious injury collisions fell by 25-46%
- Personal injury collisions fell by 9-22%

The report also suggested that average speed cameras are becoming more cost effective.

The Council's pilot of average speed cameras was approved in November 2022.

This Council resolves that:

1. A report is brought to Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Summer 2024 to update on findings of the pilot and explain the policy for installation and operation of average speed cameras, and
2. Consideration is given to increasing average speed camera use across the county as part of the MTFs budget proposals

Proposer: Councillor Sarah Feeney

Seconder: Councillor Sarah Millar

(3) Labour Motion 2:

Electric Vehicle Charging

Electric Vehicle numbers are on the increase in Warwickshire (and across the country there are more than 1 million plug in vehicles according to figures from the Society of Motoring Manufacturers and Traders).

There are concerns that the rate of uptake is not being matched by the availability of chargers. In some of Warwickshire's towns there are specific off street vehicle charging challenges.

Whilst innovative technologies exist and others are emerging, like lamppost chargers and pavement cable bays, attempts at deployment have been challenging.

This Council resolves that:

1. Consideration is given to accelerating the implementation of EV charging facilities across the county as part of the MTFS budget proposals;
2. A report is brought to Cabinet before the end of March 2024 recommending an electric vehicle charging policy; and
3. A strategic approach to the procurement of charging technology is taken to support a flexible roll out that identifies community need and engages local members in identification of additional sites.

Proposer: Councillor Sarah Millar

Seconder: Councillor Sarah Feeney

10. 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.

11. Any Other items of Urgent Business

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

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