

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7 September 2004 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Guest (Chairman), Councillors Ashford, Chander, Cockburn, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Goode, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland and Shilton.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Flanagan (Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services)
Councillor Tamlin (Portfolio Holder for Economic Services)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Evans.

(Councillor Ashford substituted for Councillor Evans.)

280. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute Number 285 – Executive Agenda - Cultural Quarter Hub Proposal in Spencer Yard and Business Unit Incubator Scheme in Althorpe Street, Leamington Old Town

Councillors Mrs Goode and Shilton declared a personal interest because they were County Councillors.

Minute Number 285 – Executive Agenda - Warwick Town Centre Traffic Management Scheme – Preferred Option Consultation

Councillor Holland declared a personal interest because he was a resident of Warwick town centre.

281. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 July 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

282. **WORK PROGRAMME 2004/2005**

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director on the work programme 2004/2005.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to continually monitor its work programme so that it can make changes as necessary and it would help to evaluate its work. The currently agreed programme was attached at Appendix 1 to the report

RESOLVED that the work programme for 2004/2005 be approved, subject to the report on car parking being reported to the meeting in December 2004.

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283. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – 1ST QUARTER RESULTS 2004/2005

The Committee considered a report from Economic Services and Cultural Services Portfolio Holders on the performance management results for the first quarter of 2004/2005.

The regular and systematic reporting of performance results against targets, trended over time and compared with other authorities was a fundamental element of the Council's integrated performance management framework. The performance management framework in turn was a key tool in ensuring the Council stayed focussed on what mattered to ensure it delivered its services efficiently and effectively.

The report provided results for period April to June 2004 for all the Corporate Strategy, Best Value and Service Area Plan indicators that had been identified as appropriate for quarterly reporting.

When the performance results were examined for any given area the following points were considered with relation to the results achieved and used to evaluate the appropriateness of any corrective action proposed:

- * Result against target
- * Result compared to best in class (where available)
- * Result compared to previous results - trend over time.

Whilst there were a number of Economic Services portfolio indicators performing below target, the majority related to Regenesis who had a challenging set of targets. These targets and corrective action were being reviewed as part of the mid term evaluation. The only other indicators performing below target related to the Kenilworth Town Centre Action Plan where 1 out of 12 actions had been completed. This was not significantly different from the target and it was anticipated that performance targets for future quarters would be met. It was also noted that once the Targets for the South Warwickshire Economic Development Strategy had been finalised, there would be additional targets reported in relation to this portfolio. This was expected in time for the 2nd quarter performance report

Economic Services	Achieved	54%
	Target	(14)
	Below Target	38%
	(10)	
No result reported	8%	(2)

The 8 Cultural Services Portfolio indicators within the portfolio that could be reported on in the first quarter, 5 were performing on or above target whilst three were below target. The reasons for these performing below target were understood and in the case of two of them action had been taken or is planned

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Cultural Services	Achieved Target	62.5%
	Below Target	(5) 37.5%
	No result reported	(3) 0% (0)

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

284. **EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2004**

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Wednesday 28 July 2004, which came within the remit of this Committee were submitted for information and scrutiny.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

285. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA – (NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)**

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 15 September 2004 which came within their remit.

As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda item No. 3 - Local Public Service Agreement

The Committees supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda item No. 4 - Public Consultation on the New Community Plan – The Council's Response

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Cultural Quarter Hub Proposal in Spencer Yard and Business Unit Incubator Scheme in Althorpe Street, Leamington Old Town

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and felt that the use of the Church building was the best so far suggested, and it was agreed that a visit to Cheltenham for Members of the committee was essential.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Warwick Town Centre Traffic Management Scheme – Preferred Option Consultation

The Committee supported the recommendations agreed at Council on 25 August 2004. However, Councillor Mrs. Christine Hodgetts placed before the committee a paper which the committee agreed gave more emphasis to the decision of the Council and a copy of the paper would be sent to the Leader of the Executive prior to the meeting.

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Agenda Item No. 17 - Jephson Gardens – Phase 1 Out-turn and Phase 2 Proposals

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item No. 18 - Approval of Capital Programme Funding for Replacement of Pyramids Gyms Equipment

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item No. 19 - Performance Management – 1st Quarter Results 2004/2005

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

286. PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraphs 8 & 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

287. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 15 September 2004 which came within their remit.

As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda item No. 23 - Regeneration in Leamington Old Town

The Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but raised concern over recommendation 1.4 as this was a confidential item

(The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.)