

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21 July 2004, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 7.20 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Compton (Chairman), Mrs Blacklock, Copping, Gill, Hatfield, Mrs Hodgetts, Sandhar, Smith and Windybank.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Begg)

(Councillor Mrs Hodgetts substituted for Councillor Short and Councillor Windybank substituted for Councillor Davies)

198. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute Number 200 - Warwick Town Centre Traffic Management Scheme – Preferred Option of Consultation.

Councillors Mrs Compton declared a personal interest because she was a member of Warwickshire County Council.

199. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 June 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

200. **WARWICK TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning & Engineering, following the decision by the Executive which was called in to this Committee and had also been considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

In addition the Committee received a verbal presentation from the Council's Conservation Officer on the potential impact this scheme could have on the Character of the Town Centre and Listed Buildings within.

The Committee also considered the recommendations made by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee to the Executive on this matter.

RESOLVED that the recommendations agreed by the Executive and the comments made by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee be supported, but in addition the Executive should include the following paragraph in their response to the County Council:

“the County Council should further consult and work in partnership with English Heritage and this Council's Conservation Officer on the proposals to ensure a minimal impact on the historic town centre of Warwick”

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An amendment to this had been proposed and lost 2 votes to 5 with Councillor Mrs Compton abstaining and the recommendation was agreed by 5 votes to one with Councillor Mrs Compton and one other Councillor abstaining.

(Councillor Mrs Hodgetts left the meeting after this item)

201. CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT

The Committee considered a report from Community Safety and Sustainability seeking approval for the recommendations to be included within the final report.

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) Councillor Mrs Compton and the Strategic Director for Customer Information & Advice meet with Pete Cutts to discuss the questions raised at the meeting; and
- (2) Once the above meeting has taken place a draft report be submitted to the Committee in September for agreement.

202. TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

The Committee considered a report from Planning & Engineering seeking a recommendation to the Executive as a means of resolving the Notices of Motion from Councillors Kinson and Smith to Council on 24 February 2004.

RECOMMENDED that in consideration of applications and prior notifications for telecommunications masts this Council is obliged to continue to deal with them in accordance with the current planning guidance.

203. SCRUTINY OF HEALTH PROMOTION

The Committee considered the arrangements and aspects they would like to look at when undertaking the scrutiny of Health Promotion.

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) a special select committee meeting be held on 18 August 2004, subject to the availability of Councillors and the Health Promotion Officer; and
- (2) the following aspects of the Health Promotion Service be investigated at the meeting, with an overall view as to whether the pilot should continue:

What service is provided;
What Impact has the service made;
Is the Service achieving its targets;
Is the Council getting Value for Money; and

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What is the role of this Council's Health Advocate in this work.

204. **WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED that Work Programme as submitted be confirmed

205. **EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY, 14 JUNE 2004**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Executive meeting held on Monday, 14 June 2004 which came within its remit.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

206. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)**

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday, 15 July 2004 which came within the remit of the Committee. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda item No. 4 Warwick traffic Management Scheme

This was considered as a separate item on the agenda, see Minute Number ??

Agenda item No. 5 Kenilworth Town Centre – Progress

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item No. 7 Financial Monitoring 2004/2005 (to 31 May 2004)

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item No. 8 Portfolio Holder Performance Indicators

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but asked that the Strategy for Economic Development be included.

Agenda Item No. 11 (C) Engineering Minor Works Term Tender

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

207. **PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

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208. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday, 14 June 2004 which came within the remit of the Committee. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Item 14 – Dog Warden

Following additional paperwork submitted to the Committee at the request of the Chairman, the Committee were in agreement that they were unhappy on the proposals to reduce the service, but were conscious of the financial constraints this Council faced. However they asked that the Council contacts the companies who have submitted a tender and ask what they can provide with the available funding.

Item 15 - Flood Alleviation Measures at the Saltisford

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.)

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