

# EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2005 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ashford, Coker, Copping, Doody, Mrs Falp, Mrs Hodgetts, Kinson, Kundi, Mrs Mellor, Sandhar, Mrs Sawdon and Shilton.

(Councillor Mrs Mellor substituted for Councillor Guest)

## 107. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Doody be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

## 108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

## 109. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2005 AND TUESDAY 10 MAY 2005.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 29 March and 10 May 2005 were noted.

## 110. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on 13 June 2005.

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

### Agenda Item Number 3 - Approval of Accounts 2004/05

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and the Chief Executive to advise the Committee on establishing a joint four member working party with the Audit and Resources O&S Committee to investigate how to avoid significant capital underspend in future.

### Agenda Item Number 4 - Risk Management Progress Report

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but all items scoring 12 and above on the Corporate Risk Register (Appendix D) be monitored by the Executive.

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### Agenda Item Number 5 - Supporting People

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but the Committee would like to be advised of how the Council will know if the strategy has made a difference and what the reporting process will be.

### Agenda Item Number 6 - Draft Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan 2005 – 2008

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 7 - Managing Housing Supply - Supplementary Planning Document

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but before a decision is taken, the Committee would like the Executive to be informed of the following:

- The criteria for size, design and property type when a planning application is submitted;
- Whether or not the Policy for Managing Housing supply could be included in the Local Plan when it is available, but in the meantime, could it stand alone?
- How can affordable housing stay affordable in the future?

### Agenda Item Number 8 - Planning Development Grant

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but would funding still be available in 2008 for the posts?

### Agenda Item Number 9 - 2004/2005 Full Year Performance Results

The Committee commended the work done by the Housing Officers, but the Executive should to look at different ways of collecting debt to reduce the level of rent arrears.

The Committee proposed that Parish Councils should be consulted regarding CM103 (Rural Initiative budget). Concerns were expressed regarding CU10, CU11 and CU15.

### Agenda Item Number 10 - General Reports

#### (A) Public Art

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

#### (B) Revision to Car Park Budget

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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(C) High Hedges Legislation

The Committee supported the recommendations 1.1 and 1.3 but for a temporary period no charge be made for setting the process in motion so that an assessment of costs could be made.

(D) Authorisation to Apply for Anti-Social Behaviour Orders

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### **111. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items, by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs 7 and 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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#### **Agenda Item Number 13 - Management of Newbold Comyn Golf Course**

The Committee commented that a decision on the contract for Newbold Comyn be deferred for a working party (one member from each party) to investigate the contract and recommendations be submitted to the Executive in September. The lead officer for this Working Party should be Mary Hawkins, with Councillor Mrs Mellor as one of the members involved.

Eight members voted in favour of this motion and three against. Councillors Ashford, Kundi and Shilton voted against this as they supported the recommendations in the report. They did not feel there was a need for further investigations as the report already proposed to have a working party reporting to the Executive on a four monthly cycle.

#### **Agenda Item Number 14 - Kenilworth Town Centre**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)