

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2005 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Doody (Chairman), Councillors Ashford, Coker, Copping, Guest, Mrs Hodegts, Kinson, Kundi, Sandhar and Shilton.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Falp and Sawdon)

539. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

540. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2005 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

541. **EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2005.**

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 12 September 2005 were noted.

542. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on 24 October 2005. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item Number 3 - Approval of Fees and Charges 2006/2007

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 4 - Financial Monitoring to 31st August 2005

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, and referred the potential loss of income as stated in paragraph 6.8.1, and the Capital Programme, as stated in paragraph 8.1.1, to the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Agenda Item Number 5 - Development Items for Benefit Fraud Investigation

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 6 - Review of Rural Initiatives Scheme

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and the Town and Parish Councils be contacted again with information about the scheme.

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Agenda Item Number 7 – Quarterly Corporate Risk Register Review

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, and would like a further report on the risk of a decline in tourism in the District. *(The Environment & Economic Policy Committee were due to start a scrutiny of tourism at their meeting on 7 December 2005 and this could form part of their review).*

Agenda Item Number 8 - Warwick District Council's Involvement in South Housing Market Area Co-Ordination Group

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and would like further information about affordable housing in the District.

Agenda Item Number 9 - Allocations Policy and Choice Based Lettings

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 10 - Future Procurement of Responsive Repairs to Council Owned Dwellings

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 11 - Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 12 - Consultation response on District Council CPA

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 13(A) - Grants for Rural Initiative Scheme

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 13(B) - Office Cleaning

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 13(C) - Delegated Authority - Assisted Travel Scheme

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and the four nominees for the Working Party be Councillors Ashford, Copping, Doody and Mrs Hodgetts.

Agenda Item Number 13(D) - Future Agreement with the Environment Agency to Undertake the Maintenance of Rivers, Formally Known as 'Critical Ordinary Watercourses'

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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Agenda Item Number 13(E) - Best Value Review for Outdoor Recreation

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 13(F) - Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

543. ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE – WORKING PARTY

The Chair reported that he had received a request from the Chair of the Environment and Economic Policy Committee for three members of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee to form a Working Party to investigate the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003. It came within the remit of the Environment and Economic Policy Committee but they did not have the capacity to take on this work at the moment.

RECOMMENDED that Councillors Ashford, Coker and Kundi form the Working Party to investigate the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

544. 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 1 and 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

545. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on 24 October 2005. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item Number 16 - Newbold Comyn Golf

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 17 - Regenesis Forward Strategy and Action Plan

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

(The meeting ended at 7.00 pm)