

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 May 2005, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Compton (Chairman), Councillors, Ashford, Mrs Blacklock, Davis, Gill, Hatfield, and Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Begg (Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services);

Councillor Boad (Portfolio Holder for Housing Services);

Councillor Crowther (Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Strategic Leadership); and

(Councillor Tamlin (Portfolio Holder for Economic Services)).

(Councillor Ashford substituted for Councillor Sandhar and Councillor Davis substituted for Councillor Copping).

943. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

944. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 March 2005 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

945. **EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY 29 MARCH 2005**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Executive meeting, held on Monday 29 March 2005, which came within its remit.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

946. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered their Work Programme for the 2005/2006 municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme as submitted be confirmed, except for the Planning Enforcement Issue which be deferred until September 2005.

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947. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 10 May 2005, which came within its remit.

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

Item 4 – Review of Warwick District Local Plan

1. The Committee supported the revised deposit version of the local plan and supported the recommendations contained within the report to the Executive;
2. The Committee supported the imminent introduction of the supplementary planning document regarding the balance of housing issue now the Council's allocation for new homes within the structure plan has been surpassed; but concern was expressed about how the overall impact of the policies for reducing housing growth would limit opportunities for affordable housing contributions and the practicality of identifying sites for 100% affordable housing;
3. The introduction of supplementary planning document regarding open spaces, car parking, affordable housing and residential design be welcomed;
4. Concern was raised over the potential impact on the planning service of the introduction of the amended classification of A3, A4 and A5 usage including, in particular, a suggestion that it may be appropriate to introduce policies to control A4 consents which would limit the number of predominantly drinking (A4) establishments, and community support for this could be assessed during the public consultation period; and
5. The Head of Planning & Engineering, the Planning & Engineering Policy Projects and Conservation Group Leader and his Team be thanked for all their efforts to date on the preparation of the revised local plan.

(The meeting ended at 9.15 pm)

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