

# JOINT AUDIT AND RESOURCES AND EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the special urgent meeting held on Monday 17 September 2007 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Barrott, Dean, De-Lara-Bond, Dhillon, Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Grainger, Illingworth, Mrs Knight, MacKay, Mobbs, Pittarello, Rhead, Shilton, Mrs Tyrrell, Vincett and Weed.

(Councillor Gifford substituted for Councillor Boad, Councillor Gallagher substituted for Councillor Mrs Mellor and Councillor Grainger substituted for Councillor Malcom Doody)

## 411. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Shilton declared a personal interest in any items which involved Warwickshire County Council.

## 412. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Knight be appointed Chair for the meeting.

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

**RESOLVED** 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, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

## 414. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

The Committee considered the following confidential items and reports which would be discussed at the special meeting of the Executive on Tuesday 18 September 2007.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 - Enablement of 'Agile Working' Through the Introduction of Internet Protocol

The Joint Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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### Agenda Item Number 4 - Discretionary Payments

The Joint Committee were split on the recommendation in the report. The majority did not support the recommendation because they did not want the redundancy multiplier to be revised. They believed that it should stay at a factor of 2 because there was not enough evidence to support a revision to 2.3. This was voted on as follows: Those in favour – 11, those against - 6 and those abstaining – 1.

### Agenda Item Number 5 - Building on Excellence

The Joint Committee supported recommendations 1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9 in the report. They also made the following comments:

- 1.2 The funding be agreed if the multiplier used was a factor of 2 and not 2.3 as subsequently agreed by the Employment Committee
- 1.4 Recommendation was supported and report back be submitted in January 2008
- 1.9 Recommendation was supported, but the Audit & Resources O&S Committee would also like information on the financial implications including a comparison with the original budget.

The Joint Committee also made the following observations:

- 1) When working on "neighbourhoods" to try and stick to current established boundaries such as wards and parishes;
- 2) Request for "Cultural" services to be better defined and names generally so that services and their locations were easily understood by public and members to be able to contact;
- 3) It was highlighted that if the Council go for prudential borrowing to deal with affordable housing issue, there was a possibility that the Council could lose the stock transfer;
- 4) Directorate 2 might find a very strong focus on planning matters taking a significant demand on it as regional spacial strategies become more central to council work; and
- 5) Under Reward and Recognition, it was felt that a significant way to give staff job satisfaction and reward would be for staff to be encouraged to know about new developments and ideas and be part of debates with Members on what should go forward.

### Agenda Item Number 6 - Sale of the Former Art Gallery, Avenue Road

The Joint Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.20 pm)