

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 July 2004 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Guest (Chairman), Councillors Cockburn, Evans, Mrs Goode, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland and Mrs Sawdon

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tamlin (Portfolio Holder for Economic Services)

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Ms Flanagan (Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services), Councillor Chander and Councillor Shilton.

(Councillor Mrs Sawdon substituted for Councillor Mrs Edwards.)

181. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute Number 184 Cultural Quarter, Spencer Yard, Leamington Spa

Councillor Evans declared a personal interest as he was the Council's representative on the Regenesi s Board.

Minute Number 188 – Executive Agenda – Warwick Traffic Management Scheme

Councillor Cockburn declared a personal interest because he was a member of Warwickshire County Council.

182. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 June 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

183. **SWIMMING POOL PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report from Leisure & Amenities seeking comments from the Committee on the proposed variation of swimming pool programmes, before the arrangements were finalised by Officers

RECOMMENDED that the proposals be supported.

184. **CULTURAL QUARTER, SPENCER YARD, LEAMINGTON SPA**

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Customer Information and Advice seeking the Committee's views on the two options short listed by the Executive for the future of the Cultural Quarter.

The Committee also received presentations from The Loft Theatre Company, the South Town Arts Foundation and the Spa Company.

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RECOMMENDED that

- (1) the content of the report and presentations be noted;
- (2) the representatives of the Loft Theatre, South Town Arts Foundation and Spa Company be thanked for their attendance; and.
- (3) the report to the September meeting focuses on the best way of applying the Councils capital funding to the project for maximum results.

185. **WARWICK 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 the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDED: that this decision should be referred back to the Executive for reconsideration to allow them to take into consideration the following recommendation:

“Warwick District Council broadly supports the implementation of the proposed scheme for Warwick Town Centre, however this Council ask that the County Council be mindful of the following points:

1. the scheme should be implemented in stages to allow for each piece to be assessed as to what impact has been made on the overall traffic situation within Warwick;
2. if the scheme is to be implemented in stages then the most popular aspects of the scheme, such as the reduced speed limit and new bus arrangements, should be implemented first; and
3. note the concerns and fears of local residents about the overall impact of the scheme and the need to try and find a resolution that will bring all stakeholders in Warwick together.

The Executive was also asked to note that there were various opinions within the Committee and the proposal was carried 4 votes to 3 with 2 Councillors sending their apologies.

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186. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2004 TO 2005

The Committee considered its work programme for the current municipal year.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the work programme for 2004 – 2005 be amended as follows:
 - Car parking be moved to the September meeting;
 - The review of decision on public conveniences be deferred to October to allow for a trial period of six months; and
 - Cleansing of Parks item be deferred until February.
- (2) Councillors Cockburn, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Goode, Mrs Hodgetts and Holland, be appointed to represent the Council at the review of Tourism Joint Select Committee with Stratford District Council.

187. EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY 14 JUNE 2004

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 14 June 2004, which came within the remit of this Committee were submitted for information and scrutiny.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

188. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – (NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on 15 July 2004 which came within their remit.

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

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

Agenda Item No. 10 Town Centre Action Plans

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

189. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee did not consider agenda item 14 Dog Warden, as, although it was on the agenda, but it did not fall within the Committees remit.

(The meeting ended at 8.20 pm)

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