

**Richard Davies**  
Chairman of the Council

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**Council meeting: Wednesday, 4 December 2013**

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at 6.05pm.

**Emergency Procedure**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman will announce the emergency procedure for the Town Hall.

**Agenda**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

**If Members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.**

3. **Minutes**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 23 October 2013 as set out on pages 1 to 6.
4. **Communications and Announcements**

5. **Public Interest Debate**

6. **Petitions**

7. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following notice of Motion from Councillor Heath that:

*"Warwick District Council recognises the increase both nationally and locally in the elderly population and therefore taking this into consideration agrees to include in the District Local Plan a policy that every planning application for over 50 houses should include a 10% allocation for accommodation suitable for the elderly i.e. bungalows."*

*The 2010 census states that there are 19 million over 60's in Britain and this is expected to rise to a massive 28 million by 2030. According to statistics half of private new builds in the coming years will be bought by over 65's whilst those over 85 will soar from 1.4 million now to 3.7 million by the mid 2030's. Despite this the number of bungalows being built has almost come to a halt in recent years.*

*Nationally only 1,700 were given planning permission last year, 2% of all homes built. This is compared to 27,000 a year in the 1980's. Locally Warwick Gates is a classic example, 1800 houses including affordable but how many bungalows for the elderly NONE. Developers will not build them of there own accord as they say they take up to much ground space.*

*As a planning authority we owe it to the community to have a strong policy on ALL housing not just affordable. We sit here as the elected representatives of our residents to form this policy for the next 15 years and therefore it is incumbent on us to include our ageing population. In fact Nick Boles the Coalition Planning Minister has written to all councils instructing them to build more houses for the elderly including retirement villages.*

*We as an authority are trying to persuade tenants to down size by giving incentives to do so and by the tax on under-occupied properties.*

*By adopting this in the local plan it will assist the elderly currently in owner occupier homes to relocate to smaller properties thus releasing two and three bedroom homes onto the market for families wishing to move into a larger property.*

8. **Public Submissions**

9. **Questions to Committee Chairmen**

10. **Questions to Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Pittarello to ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services, Councillor Norman Vincett:

"That In the light of recent energy price rises, what additional action is the Council taking to help hard-pressed tenants?"

11. **Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

12. **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

13. **Report of the Executive**

To receive the report of the Executive meeting of 13 November 2013  
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14. **Appointment of Leader**

To appoint a new Leader of the Council.

15. **Membership of Committees**

To consider any consequential amendments to the membership of Committees following the appointment of the Leader.

16. **Statement from Councillor Mrs Gallagher**

17. **Council Procedure Rules**

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mrs Bromley that for the sake of clarity and the avoidance of doubt, the Council amends Procedure rule 33 from:

*"The decision to record a meeting(s) of Council, the Executive, a Committee or Sub-Committee will be down to the individual body.*

*At present only Planning and Regulatory Committees have resolved to record all of their meetings."*

To read:

"That all meetings of Council, the Executive, a Committee or Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber will be recorded."

18. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the relevant paragraph(s), as set out in the item, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

19. **Report of the Executive**

To receive the confidential report of the Executive meeting of 13 November 2013.  
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20. **Common Seal**

To authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.



Chief Executive  
26 November 2013

**Please note that the majority of the meetings are held on the first floor of the Town Hall. If you feel that this may restrict you attending this meeting, please telephone (01926) 412656 prior to the meeting, so that we can assist you and make any necessary arrangements to help you to attend the meeting.**

**THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT ON REQUEST, PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**