

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### **5 January 2011**

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#### 1. Emergency Procedure

The Emergency procedure for the Town Hall was announced.

#### \*2. Substitutes

Councillor Mrs McFarland substituted for Councillor Gill.

#### \*3. **Declarations of Interest**

These would be detailed in the minutes.

#### \*4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2010 were taken as read and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### \*5. Comments from the Executive

The report was noted.

#### \*6. Forward Plan - The Executive Work Plan.

The report was noted.

#### \*7. Review of the Work Programme

#### **RESOLVED** that:

- 1) the report was noted;
- 2) the verbal feedback from Councillor Wilkinson on economic development and the Discretionary Travel Scheme Report be submitted to the Committee in January; and
- 3) the Creation of a Volunteering Policy be submitted to the February meeting

#### \*8. Scrutiny of Partnerships

#### **RESOLVED** that:

1) the partnership arrangements in place for the town centres of Leamington Spa, Kenilworth and Warwick be noted.

#### \*9. Creation of Volunteering Policy

The Committee received verbal feedback from the Deputy Chief Executive (BH) regarding the progress being made and an update on when the full report would be submitted to the Committee.

## \*10. Executive Agenda (Non-Confidential Items and Reports) – Thursday 6 January 2011

#### Item 10 - Scoping of High Speed 2 Impacts on Warwick District

The Committee recommended to Executive that Warwick District Council should be asked to match fund any money put in by Kenilworth Town Council up to the value of £50,000. This was because Kenilworth as the town by far the most affected by High Speed 2 and therefore likely to want fund the help and support needed to protect their residents.

The Committee had concerns that the excellent and professional work undertaken by the Alliance of Action Groups would be duplicated and that this would not give best value from public money.

#### <u>Item 11 – Local Plan, Annual Monitoring Report & Review of Local Development</u> Scheme

The Committee agreed that Executive needed to consider the implications of the regulations that would come in through the Localism Bill for the development of the Local Plan. They felt it would be a benefit if a presentation was given to Members regarding any new information and regulations once the implications of the Bill become clearer.

## <u>Item 13 – Recommendations of the Grants Review Panel on Future Funding of</u> the Voluntary and Community Sector

The Committee supported the report and felt it was a fairer way of allocating the money. They also commended the working party for producing the report and the Portfolio holder for all the work they put in.

#### Item 15 - Portfolio Holder Statements

The Committee welcomed the new statements which were an improvement to the information previously received but were concerned at the lack of consistency in the way information was displayed meaning it was not easy to understand. The Committee noted that the revised arrangements meant that the Shadow Portfolio Holders needed to report back frequently to their groups.

#### <u>Item 16 – South West Warwick (Chase Meadow) Community Centre</u> Development

The Committee had a concern regarding the money coming from the capital investment reserve and felt that this should come from this municipal year's unspent Rural Initiatives money.

The Committee recommended that the Executive seeks clarification whether the £98,000 commuted sum for ongoing maintenance can be used as a contribution towards the capital cost of building the centre before the section 106 is finalised.

(The meeting finished at 7.35pm)