

This is a summary of decisions and not the formal minutes of the meeting of Warwick District Council. It is intended to give early notice of the decisions taken.

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1. **Apologies for Absence** – These were received from Councillors Morris, Quinney and Tangri.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – These will be detailed in the minutes.
3. **Minutes** - The minutes of 14 December 2022 were approved.
4. **Communications and Announcements** – These will be detailed in the minutes.
5. **Petitions** – There were none.
6. **Notices of Motion**

The Council resolved to:

Endorse the LGA Debate Not Hate campaign and call on all political group leaders to sign a public statement.

1. Support the LGA's proposal for a national working group to produce and implement an action plan that addresses the abuse and intimidation of elected members and candidates and ensures their safety while they fulfil their democratic roles;
2. The Council reaffirms its stance of a zero-tolerance approach (as made in 2019) to the abuse of its councillors and officers, and asks officers to review appropriate policies and promote these to Councillors and Officers;
3. Officers, in liaison with the Chairman of the Council, review the safety and wellbeing of its members in respect of preventing and handling abuse and intimidation and addressing the impacts of abuse on mental health and wellbeing and report back to Overview & Scrutiny Committee on this;
4. Officers work with Warwickshire Police and colleagues across Warwickshire to deliver for Hate Crime Ambassador training for all members to enable them to become hate crime ambassadors by championing awareness and increasing public confidence in reporting in their ward communities."

7. **Leader and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

These will be detailed in the minutes.

8. **Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders**

These will be detailed in the minutes.

9. **Setting of the Council Tax 2023/24**

- (a) The recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023 in Minute 84, were approved subject to:

£52,000 be allocated towards supporting food banks during 2023/24.
Funded from the balance remaining on the 2022/23 Hardship fund. In

2023/23 £200,000 was allocated by Warwick District Council, in addition to £228,900 being received from central Government, a total of £428,900. This was in place to support the delivery of the Energy Rebate Discretionary scheme, which provided a payment of £150 for those customers in Bands E-H who are in receipt of Local Council Tax Reduction (LCTR) as well as those receiving Disabled Person Reduction, Severely Mentally Impaired Disregard or Council Tax Carers disregard. This was to supplement the National scheme, which provided £150 for all customers in property bands A-D. It is forecast that there will be circa £100,000 remaining as of 31st March 2023, of which £52,000 is to be earmarked to support this proposal.

(b) the report of the Responsible Financial Officer, was approved.

10. Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account Budget 2023/24

The recommendations of the Cabinet from Minute 85 in the report were approved.

11. Cabinet Report

The Cabinet report of 9 February 2023 for the following items were approved.

82 - Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

83 - Council Tax Support Fund.

86 - Strategic Direction Christine Ledger Square.

87 - Relocation of Office Accommodation and the Provision of Public Facing Access to Council Services.

88 - Riverside House Disposal Options.

13. Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The recommendation in the report was approved, along with the additional proposals for the budget review Group from the Audit & Standards Committee to include consideration of the Annual Treasury Management Strategy (if it is reported to Cabinet in February) and the revised wording is as follows: *"The Group will meet the evening before Cabinet and will be responsible for reviewing the following papers:"*

14. Audit & Standards Committee

The recommendations in the report in respect of Minutes 42 and 43 were approved.

15. Common Seal

The fixing of the Common Seal was approved.