

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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**Appointment of Chairman** - In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Redford was appointed to Chair the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – These were received from Councillors Barton, Grey, Morris, Murphy, Norris and Noone.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – These will be detailed in the minutes.
3. **Minutes** - The minutes of 17 November and 13 December 2021 were approved.
4. **Communications and Announcements** – These will be detailed in the minutes.
5. **Petitions** – There were none.
6. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) The notice of motion was passed as set out below:  
This Council acknowledges the importance of active travel in creating a healthy community and in positively contributing to our climate change goals. We welcome the recent changes implemented by the UK Government in the new Highway Code to make roads safer for all road users, especially vulnerable ones.

This Council shares the concern of many residents and community groups like Cycleways and Clean Air for Warwickshire about reported problems with, and the slow progress of the K2L cycle route.

We believe that the pace of real change in enabling and promoting active travel is too slow and lacks quantified, and achievable targets and statements of intent as recommended by this Council.

We therefore resolve to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Transport asking that a large scale communications campaign is undertaken to inform people of the recent changes to the Highway Code to embed good practice and realise the potential benefits.
- Write to the Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council to:
  - request an update on the much delayed Kenilworth to Leamington Cycle route with a clear commitment to a completion date and any additional funding that ensures an acceleration in progress and;
  - encourage WCC to move away from a risk-based 'predict and provide' approach to one of 'vision and validate' that actively promotes the hierarchy of road users and a shift to active travel

- Write to the Chief Constable of Warwickshire asking that the Force implements 'Operation close pass' in our district to further educate road users and to make the road environment safer for all users.
- (b) The Notice of Motion was passed as set out below:
- a) the original plans for the NUCKLE line dual track service by the Department for Transport and Warwickshire County Council were promoted as a vital part of our local infrastructure, critical to the success of local businesses and the tourist economy. At a cost of £13.6 million its aim was to provide a half-hourly link for residents, businesses and visitors to the district with mainline services northwards to Birmingham and beyond and southwards to Oxford, London and the south coast;
  - b) these plans became even more important when this Council set its 2030 net zero carbon emissions target as part of its response to the Climate Change Emergency. This requires a modal change in transport usage to more sustainable forms of travel; and
  - c) since it started operating, the NUCKLE line service has proved to be an expensive white elephant and has failed to deliver. Frequent cancellation and suspension of services has meant residents and visitors don't trust the service's reliability and make little use of it.

This Council will therefore:

1. write to West Midlands Trains to welcome its recent announcement to restart the hourly service on the NUCKLE line on 27<sup>th</sup> February and to stress the importance of the reliability of the service to the communities it serves;
2. write to the Department for Transport to call on the Secretary of State to bring forward with other regional stakeholders the investment required by the earlier promises to upgrade the Leamington-Coventry line from a single to a dual track so that the route becomes a vital part of the infrastructure by which this Council can achieve its Climate Change objectives and also encourages mainline train services to stop at Kenilworth station;
3. and write to the MPs for Kenilworth & Southam and Warwick and Leamington along with the relevant Warwickshire County Council portfolio holder to encourage their support and intervention in support of with these concerns.

## **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.

## **11. Cabinet Report**

The Cabinet report of 10 February 2022 for minute 93, Review of Warwick District Council Members' Allowances Scheme was approved.

**Urgent Item – Press and Public** – The press and public were excluded.

## **Urgent Item – Confidential Recommendations from Cabinet of 10 February 2022,**

The Confidential recommendations of the Cabinet on 10 February 2022 were approved.

### **9. Setting of the Council Tax 2022/23**

- (a) The recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 February 2022 in Minute 100, were approved subject to £200,000 be allocated from the Emergency Response Fund to create a hardship fund to support residents, the details to be determined by the Portfolio Holder and the LGC, and £25,000 from the Additional Restricted Grant to create a new scheme specifically targeting and available to the food banks across Warwick District.
- (b) the report of the Responsible Financial Officer, was approved.

### **Urgent Item – Cabinet Report of 10 December 2021 Minute 83**

The recommendation in the report was approved.

### **10. Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022/23**

The recommendations in the report were approved.

### **12. Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee**

The recommendation in the report was approved.

### **12. Employment Committee**

The recommendations in the report were approved, and Councillor Day, Hales, Boad, Davison, Nicholls and Falp were appointed to the Joint Appointments Committee.

### **12. Standards Committee**

The recommendation in the report was approved.

### **13. Amendments to the Constitution**

The amendments to the Constitution, as set out on the agenda, were approved along with an updated structure chart for the Council.

### **14. Police & Crime Panel Representative Feedback**

The feedback was noted.

### **16. Common Seal**

The fixing of the Common Seal was approved.