# **Michael Doody**

Chairman of the Council

## Council meeting: Wednesday, 13 January 2016

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 13 January 2016 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. **Public Submissions**









#### 4. **Petitions**

To consider the petition titled "Stop privatisation of Leisure Centres" as set out below:

"Warwick District Council, with cross-party support, is planning to invest £12m in upgrading and expanding our two main Leisure Centres in Warwick and Leamington. This should help local residents to keep active, improve their overall health, tackle problems such as obesity and to have fun. By sensible borrowing, better marketing and no real increase in charges, it looks affordable and should generate surpluses.

However the current Conservative administration wants to privatise the management of all Leisure facilities in the District at the same time.

The directly-employed staff who have successfully run the services and have played a key part in developing the new plans will be transferred to a private organisation. Their terms and conditions will be at risk.

Prices charged by a private operator are likely to rise, especially for annual memberships. Those with most to gain from our Leisure Centres may find them hard to afford.

The culture of serving the community and working closely with other local organisations will be put at risk by the arrival of a profit-maximising outside company.

Perhaps even worse, the private operator will enjoy all or most of the surpluses which will be generated over 15 years by a major public investment. These should be available for future spending on Leisure or other services within the District.

The inhouse team has shown it can deliver the efficiencies and revenues needed, as well as excellent services. They should be trusted to go on doing so."

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