Council meeting: Wednesday, 26 June 2013

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Learnington Spa on Wednesday, 26 June 2013 at **6.15pm or the conclusion of the previous Council meeting whichever is the latter**.

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 4 June2013 as set out on pages 1 to 3.

4. Communications and Announcements









5 Past Chairman's Consort and Chairman's Chaplin

To present Mrs E Kinson with the Past Chairman's Consorts badge and the Rev Canon Awre with the Chairman's Chaplin Badge.

6. **Public Interest Debate**

7. Petitions

8. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following notice of Motion from Councillor John Barrott

On the 1st April 2013, the government introduced an 'under occupancy criteria' which limited how many bedrooms a family in council or social housing will receive benefit for. These changes have led tenants into rent arrears and for some, real financial hardship. Council Officers have done an incredible amount of work with tenants before and after the changes came into force and the Labour Group acknowledges the difficult daily judgements they make to support those seeking their help.

I therefore seek members approval of the following motion:

"That this Council does not evict any resident as a result of falling into rent arrears due to a reduction in their Welfare Benefit or until they have been offered smaller accommodation and that the Council continues to work with all those affected to prevent further socially disruptive homelessness through evictions"

9. **Public Submissions**

- 10. **Questions to Committee Chairmen**
- 11. **Ouestions to Portfolio Holders**
- 12. Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements

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

14. **Report of the Executive**

To receive the report of the Executive meetings of:

- (a) 17 April 2013 (Item 14 Pages 1 to 19) (b)
 - 4 June 2013 (Item 14/ Pages 20 to 26)

15. End of Term Report

To receive the end of term report from the:

- Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee (Item 15/ Pages 1 to 6) (a)
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee (b)
- (Item 15/ Pages 6 to 25)

16. **Membership of Committees**

To approve the appointment of Councillor Wreford-Bush as a member of Employment Committee in place of Councillor Boad and to appoint Councillor Boad as a substitute for Employment Committee in place of Councillor Wreford-Bush.

17. Independent Person

To confirm, the recommendation from Standards Committee of 10 June 2013, that Mr Meacham and Mr Tomkinson be appointed as Independent Persons for the Standards Committee.

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 a confidential report of the Executive meeting of 17 April 2013 (Item 19/ Pages 1 to 4) (Not for publication)

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.

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Chief Executive 18 June 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.