

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2006 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Doody (Chairman); Councillors Ashford, Coker, Copping, Mrs Falp, Guest, Mrs Hodgetts, Kinson, Kundi, Sandhar and Mrs Sawdon.

846. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute Number 848 – Executive Meeting on 12 December 2005 - Future of South Warwickshire Tourism Company

Councillor Guest declared a personal interest because he was the Vice-Chair of South Warwickshire Tourism.

Minute Number 849 - Executive Agenda Item 10 - Non Confidential Items and Reports – Establishment of Community Support Team

Councillor Mrs Hodgetts declared a personal prejudicial interest because she was a trustee of the GAP.

Minute Number 849 - Executive Agenda Item 15K – Non Confidential Items and Reports - Response to Consultation on Proposed NHS Re-Organisation

Councillor Copping declared a personal interest because he was a member of South Warwickshire PPI Forum.

Minute Number 851 - Executive Agenda Item 19 – Confidential Items and Reports - Former Art Gallery, Avenue Road, Leamington Spa

Councillor Copping declared a personal interest because he was a member of the college arts workshop.

847. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2005 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

848. EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2005.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 12 December 2005 were noted.

849. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on 13 February 2006. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:

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Agenda Item Number 4 - Budget 2006/2007 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and made the following comments:

- Para 8.1.14 - The Executive should not proceed with the pigeoncote in Old Town as it is unlikely to solve the problem and resources could be better spent elsewhere
- Para 8.1.16 – Support for the Bid for £10,000 for Warwick Market Place
- With regard to the Residents magazine, before a decision is taken by the Executive, other channels of distribution be investigated, such as it being circulated with the council tax bills and electoral registration forms, to see if these are viable.

Agenda Item Number 5 - Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account 2006/2007

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 6 - Treasury Management Strategy Plan for 2006/2007

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 7 - Warwick District Local Plan

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but would like recommendation 1.2 to include consultation with the Local Plan Working Party as well as the Group Leaders, and the Executive should ensure every effort is made to enable people who wish to make representations at the inquiry, to do so.

Agenda Item Number 8 - Strategy to Reduce Crime, Disorder and Drugs Misuse

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 9 - Safer Neighbourhoods

The Committee had no preferred option at the moment as they felt more information was required and the Police should be invited to Council on 8 March 2006, to make a presentation to all members.

Agenda Item Number 10 - Establishment of Community Support Team

The Committee supported the recommendations 1.1 to 1.4 in the report, and would like GAP funding to continue in 2006/07 and the Officers negotiate with WCC for funding to continue into 2007/08.

Agenda Item Number 12 - Quarterly Corporate Risk Register Review

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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Agenda Item Number 13 - Portfolio Holder Statements, Service Area Plan Targets, Best Value Performance Plan

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 14 - Marlborough House

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report and would like a further 'fuller' report on this matter. The Chief Executive agreed to produce the document that was not a confidential document.

Agenda Item Number 15(A) - WDC Representative to the National Task Force for Sierra Leone

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and also noted that only travel expenses in this country would be paid.

Agenda Item Number 15(B) - Rural Initiatives Scheme Applications

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(C) - Review of the Small Grants Scheme

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and would like further information on how many applications had been received for the Small Grants budget and what percentage had been refused and why, and also suggested the following amendments:

- Page 243 – Warwickshire Clubs for Young People and the amount of grant recommended should be £500
- Page 244 – Both applications for £500 from the British Asian Business and Professional Association should be approved.

Agenda Item Number 15(D) - Equality Standard for Local Government – Extension of Corporate Strategy Target

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(E) - Money Laundering Regulations 2003

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(F) - Heating, Lighting and Water Charges 2006/2007 – Council Tenants

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(G) - Housing Investment Programme: Replacement of Kitchens and Bathrooms

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

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Agenda Item Number 15(H) - Letting of Contracts

The Committees supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(I) - The Constitution

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(J) - Enablement of Flexible Working through the Introduction of Internet Protocol (IP) Telephony and Voice Over IP

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(K) - Response to Consultation on Proposed NHS Re-Organisation

The Committee supported the recommendations in the reports and strongly disagree with another re-organisation of the ambulance trusts which should be left alone to allow the current arrangements to 'bed-in'.

Agenda Item Number 15(L) - Grant Aid to Warwickians Rugby Club

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

850. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items, by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraphs 1, 8 & 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

851. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on 13 February 2006. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item Number 18 - Grant Aid to Warwickians Rugby Club

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and would await the final report from the working party.

Agenda Item Number 19 - Former Art Gallery, Avenue Road, Leamington Spa

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 20 - Early Retirement of Health and Safety Advisor

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.25 pm)