

**Council meeting: Wednesday, 14 December 2022**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at **6.00pm**.

**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 disclosed 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 held on 23 November 2022.  
**(To follow)**

- 4. Communications and Announcements**
- 5. Petitions**
- 6. Notices of Motion**

To consider a notice of motion from Councillor Milton and Councillor Kennedy that reads as follows:

The opening of the new Kenilworth School in September 2023 is a major milestone for the realisation of the district's local plan. As a council we recognise the need to prioritise active travel, but at the moment other than the immediate surrounds of the school, there is little in the way of infrastructure that will enable students to cycle to the school safely from across the town.

Concerns about the lack of safe cycling provision to the school have been consistently raised by residents, and this was evidenced in the recent petition organised by Pedal to Protect, which gained around two thousand signatures in support of the need for improvements.

However, as yet, there has been little practical action to create safer routes to school, to enable active travel and in so doing, reduce the road traffic that prevents many from cycling or walking to school.

The District Council is not the Highways Authority but is the responsible authority for Abbey Fields, where cycling is currently prohibited due to a bylaw. This currently creates a significant barrier to a continuous cycle route across Kenilworth which would enable students to travel a larger proportion of the route safely.

This council therefore resolves:

- To take practical action to enable the young people of Kenilworth to cycle to school safely
- To ask officers to bring forward proposals to vary the current bylaw to allow people to cycle through Abbey Fields between the hours of 7.30am and 9.00am and 3.30pm and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday during school term time
- To bring recommendations to cabinet in a timely fashion to allow changes to be put into effect before September 2023
- To work with Warwickshire County Council to request the prioritisation of improvements at key points in the town including (but not limited to) Bridge Street, Dalehouse Lane, Warwick Road and Farmer Ward Road to create a network of safe routes.

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

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

## **9. Cabinet Report**

To consider an excerpt from the Cabinet meeting of 7 December 2022

**(To follow)**

## **10. Membership of Committees**

- (a) That in recognition of the political composition of the Council, the size of the Planning, Employment and Audit & Standards Committees be reduced to 10 members each.

That as a result, the Council removes the following Councillors from each Committee:

- (i) Councillor Norris and a Liberal Democrat Member from Audit & Standards Committee;
- (ii) Councillor Norris and a Liberal Democrat Member from Planning Committee; and
- (iii) Councillor Hales and a Liberal Democrat Member from Employment Committee.

That the Licensing & Regulatory Committee remains as a Committee of 15 Councillors, recognising the political split on the Committee as 6 Conservative Councillors, 3 Councillors from each of the Liberal Democrat & Green Groups, 2 Councillors from Labour Group and 1 from the Whitnash Residents Association Group.

That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee remains as a Committee of 12 and to ensure the opposition has the majority of seats, its composition remains as 4 Councillors from the Conservative Group, 3 from the Liberal Democrat Group, 2 from both the Green and Labour Groups and 1 from the Whitnash Residents Association Group.

- (b) That Councillor Norris be replaced on the Licensing & Regulatory Committee with Councillor Murphy.
- (c) That Councillor Norris be removed as a named substitute for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- (d) That Councillor Hales be appointed as a named substitute for the Conservative Group for the Employment Committee.
- (e) That Councillor Murphy be appointed as a named Substitute for the Conservative Group at Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

## **11. 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.



Chief Executive  
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