

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Warwick District Council held at the Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, on Monday 27 February 2023, at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mangat (Chair); Councillors Ashford, Bartlett, Barton, Boad, Cooke, Cullinan, Davison, Day, A Dearing, J Dearing, K Dickson, R Dickson, Evans, Falp, B Gifford, C Gifford, Grainger, Grey, Hales, Illingworth, Jacques, Kennedy, King, Kohler, Leigh-Hunt, Luckhurst, Margrave, Matecki, Milton, Murphy, Noone, Norris, Redford, Rhead, Roberts, Russell, Skinner, Syson, Tracey and Wright.

74. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morris, Quinney and Tangri.

75. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

76. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2022 was taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

77. **Communications & Announcements**

The Chair informed Council that since it last met:

- (1) former District Councillor Gerry Guest, Chairman of the Council and father of Councillor Grainger, passed away on the 21 January 2023. Gerry Guest had served on this Council in a number of roles over 39 years, between 1976 and 2015, and his commitment to serving the community was recognised in 2018 when he was awarded an MBE; and
- (2) she had been made aware that Adrian Shooter passed away late last year. Adrian Shooter, among his many notable personal achievements, was founder of Chiltern Railways and played an instrumental part in both the resultant improved rail services between our District and London and the delivery of Warwick Parkway.

The Chair then led Council in a moment of reflection as a mark of respect to former Councillor Gerry Guest and Adrian Shooter.

The Chair thanked those who had attended the vigil she had held on 24 February 2023 to mark the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine.

The Chairman informed Council that there was no business under item 5 – Petitions.

78. **Notices of Motion**

The Council considered the following notice of Motion that was proposed by Councillor Mangat and seconded by Councillor Day that read:

"The vulnerability of elected representatives has been at the forefront of the political sphere in recent years with high profile incidents like the horrific murders of Jo Cox MP and Sir David Amess MP. With local elections coming up this motion is very timely. As Councillors we stand at the heart of local democracy and form a vital link between the Council and residents, it's a privilege and responsibility to be elected to public office. Unfortunately, a minority of members of the public think it's acceptable to abuse the local people elected to serve them. What will happen to our democratic process if people are put off standing for election because of the vitriol and threats?"

Part of life on all councils for Councillors often means dealing with and making difficult decisions on behalf of our residents. Debating and discussion in local democracy is healthy but abuse and intimidation are unacceptable. Councillors are here to represent their local communities and we want to continue to do that, but we need communities to support us in doing so. We as Councillors also need to set an example by treating each other with respect. Discussing things in a courteous and respectful way is always so much better than causing anger by shouting abuse. We are delighted that the Local Government Association (LGA) initiated the 'Debate Not Hate' campaign, although in 2023 such a campaign should not be needed.

According to the findings set out in the report of the LGA's call for evidence of abuse and intimidation (October 2021) A survey of all councillors in England which took place last year, found that seven in 10 respondents experienced abuse or intimidation in the last 12 months. Only 27 per cent reported to have never had any such experiences.

Anecdotally, the call for evidence found that some councillors were receiving targeted and personalised hate and abuse due to their protected characteristic. In particular, there is a perception that women, ethnic minorities, and LGBT+ Councillors will experience higher volumes of threatening and discriminatory abuse, reflecting a 2020 study of the 2019 UK general election which found that women received more sexist abuse whereas men received more general and political abuse.

Elected by our communities, we as councillors work to engage with and champion the needs of the communities in our decision making. Debate and disagreements are a healthy part of this democratic process and appropriate challenge is vital to hold elected members to account.

However, intimidation, threats and personalised abuse crosses the line into unacceptable behaviour and there is growing evidence that this is happening all too often. Social media has made it easier for this type of abuse to take place.

The LGA said this is having a detrimental impact on the wellbeing of local councillors and their families, from their mental health to feelings of safety, with some reporting seeking medical advice for depression, anxiety, and others unable to leave their homes at all or unaccompanied for fear of an incident.

The support available to protect the safety and wellbeing of councillors is limited and inconsistent across the sector and can be uncoordinated between agencies. Some respondents shared examples of little action being taken against perpetrators of abuse, leading to a normalisation and acceptance of abuse by councillors, officers, and police. Increased participation in local democracy is something all councils strive for as broadening the diversity of people standing as candidates and of those engaging with the elected helps councils make better informed decisions

for their communities. Healthy debate is the way we work together to achieve better things for our communities

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- *Endorse the LGA Debate Not Hate campaign and call on all political group leaders to sign a public statement.*
- *Support the LGA's proposal for a national working group to produce and implement an action plan that addresses the abuse and intimidation of elected members and candidates and ensures their safety while they fulfil their democratic roles.*
- *The Council reaffirms its stance of a zero-tolerance approach (as made in 2019) to the abuse of its councillors and officers, and asks officers to review appropriate policies and promote these to Councillors and Officers.*
- *Officers, in liaison with the Chairman of the Council, review the safety and wellbeing of its members in respect of preventing and handling abuse and intimidation and addressing the impacts of abuse on mental health and wellbeing and report back to Overview & Scrutiny Committee on this.*
- *Officers work with Warwickshire Police and colleagues across Warwickshire to deliver for Hate Crime Ambassador training for all members to enable them to become hate crime ambassadors by championing awareness and increasing public confidence in reporting in their ward communities".*

Councillors Falp, Davison, Cullinan, Boad and Grainger also spoke on the Motion.

Resolved that the Council:

- (1) endorses the LGA Debate Not Hate campaign and call on all political group leaders to sign a public statement;
- (2) supports the LGA's proposal for a national working group to produce and implement an action plan that addresses the abuse and intimidation of elected members and candidates and ensures their safety while they fulfil their democratic roles;
- (3) reaffirms its stance of a zero-tolerance approach (as made in 2019) to the abuse of its Councillors and officers, and asks officers to review appropriate policies and promote these to Councillors and officers;
- (4) officers, in liaison with the Chairman of the Council, review the safety and wellbeing of its Members in respect of preventing and handling abuse and intimidation and addressing the impacts of abuse on mental health and wellbeing and report back to Overview & Scrutiny Committee; and
- (5) officers work with Warwickshire Police and colleagues across Warwickshire to deliver for Hate Crime Ambassador training to all Members to enable them to become hate crime ambassadors by championing awareness and increasing public confidence in reporting in their ward communities.

79. **Leader & Portfolio Holder Statements**

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Councillor Rhead, informed Council that:

- (1) the examination in public of the NetZero Discretionary Planning Document would take place week commencing 6 March 2023;
- (2) Hayfield Homes, in Buckinghamshire, was now constructing all its private homes with heat pumps and were not connected to the gas grid. Redrow Homes was now installing heat pumps in all its new properties rather than gas boilers;
- (3) Octopus Energy and British Gas had made marketing announcements that they were able to produce heat pumps at a cost less than a new gas boiler; and
- (4) since the declarations of the climate emergency the Council had made significant achievements. This included retro fitting sustainable energy sources to private and council houses; transfer to renewable electricity; a feasibility study into green hydrogen, bringing forward low or zero carbon buildings, climate change in the Local Plan (the climate being a priority transformation of Leamington); carbon reduction being a priority in procurement policy; Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy for South Warwickshire, a preferred route for cycle path through Abbey Fields; planting 15,000 trees across the District in the current planting season and having a wider plan to plant 160,000 by 2030; developing the biodiversity action plan to sit within the Climate Emergency Action Plan; and the continued communication and engagement on climate change with the community and partner organisations.

The Portfolio Holder for Arts and Economy, Councillor Bartlett,:

- (1) congratulated the Arts team for delivering Spark at the Royal Spa Centre;
- (2) informed Council that there was to be a national reorganisation of destination management companies and work was under way to review what impact this might have for Shakespeare's England and the Council should also note that the current Chief Executive of Shakespeare's England Helen Peters was retiring;
- (3) informed Council that the South Warwickshire Economic Strategy consultation had been launched on 17 February and encouraged all Councillors to engage and respond to this; and
- (4) informed Council that the Leamington Transformation Board would publicly launch its plans and website on 14 March 2023.

The Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities & Environment Councillor Falp took the opportunity to thank officers who had supported her during her time as Portfolio Holder, recognising the challenges they had faced with the global pandemic, the upgrade to the CCTV system, revisions to services through investment in new technology such as the noise nuisance app and handling the sadly ever increasing number of domestic homicide reviews.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing & Assets, Councillor Matecki:

- (1) highlighted a petition that had been covered in local media against the proposal to relocate the frontline homelessness service to the Pump Rooms.

This was considered disappointing as we are the District known for our kind hearts and support for those in need; and

- (2) over last four years the Council had; introduced a new Homeless Strategy to help those in need and reduce the number of rough sleepers; at the start of the pandemic the Council took in all rough sleepers before it was a legal requirement; introduced a new allocations policy which removed loop holes when allowing people to register; built or acquired 155 new homes with a further 459 commissioned over next few years; reduced waiting on housing register to 522 applicants; worked on making assets carbon neutral through as examples Green Electricity and LEDs; secured grants to retro fit Council homes to improve their energy efficiency of £7.7million and £28million, subject to match funding from the Council, to buy homes on the open market; achieved near net zero in use from new homes; and formed Milverton homes which leads by example through building energy efficient homes and would contribute to the General Fund with the development in Kenilworth providing £9.1million to the Council and further 6million to the company to reinvest.

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood & Leisure, Councillor Grainger explained that:

- (1) Covent Garden car park had now closed and secured with additional measures. Once the demolition date was confirmed Councillors would be informed. The only lights should be emergency. The team were monitoring car parking space usage across Leamington and to date there had been minimal use of the free spaces at Riverside House; and
- (2) Rugby Borough Council had decided not to continue with the enforcement of fly tipping for this Council, therefore a new officer role was being developed around both enforcement and education to run alongside the area officer roles.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning & Place, Councillor Cooke explained that:

- (1) work continued on the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The 8-week public consultation on the Issues & Options document would close on 6 March 2023. The joint officer team had held a number of events, both online and face-to-face including events in Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth;
- (2) work continued on the improving performance of Development Management following challenges faced by the service in the first year of the pandemic. Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be receiving a report next week that set out the time taken to determine planning applications. Performance was now very close to its former high level;
- (3) the backlog of planning enforcement cases had reduced from 275 cases to 52 cases. The level of enforcement action being taken was on the increase. Since last September: six Enforcement Notices; two Temporary Stop Notices and 10 Planning Contravention Notices had been served and a further 13 cases were with Legal Services for consideration;
- (4) Building Control had been supporting the Kenilworth School Academy project which was on target for completion by the contractor in early May 2023. Warwick Building Control was managing the Building Control element of the works for new Oakley Grove School Academy comprising Infant, Primary, and Secondary Schools.

- (5) the former Daventry District area of West Northamptonshire Council would be leaving the Warwick Building Control shared service on 31 March 2023, but Rugby would remain part of the service;
- (6) Warwick Building Control was shortlisted for the National Team of the Year Award by the LABC (Local Authority Building Control). Although they did not win the overall national award, being shortlisted was a testament to the excellent working done by the team.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Hales, informed Council that it had received the Government report on grants provided during covid. Warwick District Council had processed 17,000 transactions which was nearly the same as the rest of Warwickshire combined and just below the number issued by Coventry City Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Transformation, Councillor Tracey informed Council that:

- (1) with local elections on 4 May 2023, the Media Team were delivering a communications plan around key messages and the promotion on the requirement for voter ID. This work with other local councils and the Electoral Commission was targeted for promoting awareness to individual groups through both print and digital media;
- (2) there was Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training on 16 March for all Warwick District Councillors;
- (3) the reward and recognition project of Working for Warwick followed on from bench marking roles at this Council against other Councils and the proposal in the budget was there to offer affordable but competitive rates of pay;
- (4) the proposed budget included an allocation £1 million to support front line services in replacing key software and hardware;
- (5) the revised Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme within the reports from Cabinet was intended to reduce the burden of Council Tax on those who were most economically vulnerable.

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Leader of the Council, Councillor Day:

- (1) explained that there was ongoing work on the Warwickshire Levelling Up and Devolution bid and that he would continue to keep all Group Leaders informed as this progressed;
- (2) informed Council that on the 15 March the West Midlands Combined Authority would be launching a trail blazer deal; and
- (3) encouraged Councillors to remind the Parish and Town Councils for their Ward to apply for grants for funds to celebrate the Coronation on 6 May 2023.

80. **Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Boad asked the Leader if the Council could encourage the new owners of British Volt to invest in the Giga Factory at Coventry Airport?

In response Councillor Day explained that it was encouraging to see movement in the sector and the West Midlands Combined Authority Trailblazer Deal might include elements to support the Giga Factory at Coventry Airport.

Councillor K Dickson asked the Portfolio Holder for Health & Community Protection to provide assurance that while the Abbey Fields Management Plan was not going to be considered by the Council before elections in May, that the intentions within it were not being harmed by the current and proposed developments within Abbey Fields and due to how late the plan was that no further expenditure was being incurred by the Council on its production?

In response Councillor Falp explained that the Plan would be considered by Cabinet in July 2023. It had been circulated with stakeholders and at their request an Executive summary was being produced at a fixed cost to the Council.

There were elements within the Plan that were already being delivered, for example improved electricity connection for the Barn. She confirmed that none of the current works within Abbey Fields impacted on the delivery of the plan and some of the current works within Abbey Fields had been amended to further improve the aims of the Plan.

Councillor R Dickson asked the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Place, if he could provide an update as to whether there had been any change in the project's plans to relocate Kenilworth Wardens, either in terms of timetable, cost or the specification of the new location?

In response Councillor Cooke explained that Kenilworth Wardens were in confidential discussions with Milverton Homes Limited and once any legal agreement was completed Councillors would be informed.

Councillor R Dickson asked the Leader when would it be formally confirmed to the Air Training Cadets Squadron, that they would be provided the facilities and the space they needed would be available at the new Kenilworth School; if they could stay in their existing premises or if they would need to find new facilities elsewhere?

In response Councillor Day explained that Kenilworth School was in discussion with the Cadets and once concluded Councillors would be advised.

Councillor R Dickson asked the Portfolio Holder for Transformation if he could confirm if the Council's auditors Grant Thornton had undertaken an audit of the Open Book arrangements that the Council had with Everyone Active in the year-ended March 2022 for agreement of concession fees to be paid to the Council by Everyone Active?

In response Councillor Hales explained that this was not a specific area of material risk so was only considered if it was part of the sampled information.

Councillor J Dearing asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Assets, Councillor Matecki if the Council would engage directly with the local Schools' Sites Residents Group which had been formed in respect of the proposed developments by this Council at the Kenilworth School sites at Leyes Lane and Rouncil Lane?

In response Councillor Matecki explained that the Group was welcome to attend the future engagement sessions which were planned for March 2023.

Councillor Cullinan asked the Portfolio Holder for Transformation if he could provide clarification that with the forthcoming election both the older and younger person bus pas bass would be accepted as valid forms of ID for voting?

This was a mater for the Returning Officer for the Election so the Chief Executive, who held the role of Returning Officer, explained that the legislation was clear that the Young Person bus pass could not be accepted as valid voter ID.

In addition, the Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer outlined the communication plan that was in place to raise awareness and that the details of this would be shared with candidates and agents at the briefing sessions for them on 28 February and 2 March 2023. In addition, he reminded Councillors that while the Council had a communication and engagement plan, all Councillors, candidates and agents should also be promoting these requirements within their communities and the information they shared.

Councillor Norris asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Assets if, with the increased number of asylum seekers being housed within the District, did a specific reference to houses for them need to be included within the Local Plan?

In response Councillor Matecki explained that the homes funding had been provided for was to buy houses on the open market and therefore there were not additional houses being built.

In addition to this the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Place, Councillor Cooke, explained that there was no need for inclusion for specific reference within the Local Plan.

Councillor Norris asked the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood & Leisure if she could confirm where the recycling materials from Warwick District were being taken while the Council waited for the new material recycling facility to be completed?

In response Councillor Grainger explained that at present a site just outside Coleshill was being used and the new recycling sorting facility should be open this summer.

Councillor Norris asked the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change on how the Council would achieve net zero carbon emissions for the District by 2025?

In response Councillor Rhead explained that the intention was to make Warwick District Council carbon neutral by 2025 and Warwick District carbon neutral by 2030 and he would share the detailed plan with Councillor Norris.

Councillor Norris asked the Portfolio Holder for Resources if he could confirm the cost of the aborted merger with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and how much the Council was paying Stratford-on-Avon District Council to manage the waste contract?

In response Councillor Hales agreed to investigate and share a response with all Councillors.

Councillor Jacques asked the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture if the proposed level of grants for the Coronation would be comparable to the funding for the Platinum Jubilee in 2022?

In response Councillor Bartlett explained that the Council was proposing to allocate a budget of £25,000 available to all Town and Parish Councils on a proportionate basis to the size of their population. This was to mitigate the District Council event team being unavailable to support the events in the usual way due to their direct involvement in delivering the local elections in May 2023.

Councillor Kohler asked the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change if he could confirm the amount of offsetting of carbon emissions this Council would require in 2026 to achieve the ambition of being Carbon Neutral by 2025?

In response Councillor Rhead explained he would need to consult with the Programme Director for Climate Change and in response to a supplementary question from Councillor Kohler agreed that the slides from the recent Programme Advisory Board would be shared with all Councillors.

(At 7.35pm, the meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes for a comfort break)

81. **Setting of the Council Tax 2023/24**

- (a) The recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023 in Minute 84 were proposed by Councillors Hales and seconded by Councillor King, subject to the following addendum as circulated at the meeting as follows:

"That £52,000 is to be allocated towards supporting food banks during 2023/24.

This allocation be funded from the balance remaining on the 2022/23 Hardship fund. In 2023/23 £200,000 was allocated by Warwick District Council, in addition to £228,900 being received from central Government, a total of £428,900.

This was in place to support the delivery of the Energy Rebate Discretionary scheme, which provided a payment of £150 for those customers in Bands E-H who are in receipt of Local Council Tax Reduction (LCTR) as well as those receiving Disabled Person Reduction, Severely Mentally Impaired Disregard or Council Tax Carers disregard. This was to supplement the National scheme, which provided £150 for all customers in property bands A-D.

It was forecast that there would be circa £100,000 remaining as of 31 March 2023, of which £52,000 is to be earmarked to support this proposal."

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Boad and seconded by Councillor Russell that, the District Council's Council Tax for 2023/24 is increased by 2.99% for a Band D property. This would generate an additional £305,072 in the year which is proposed to be allocated as follows:

- £200,000 to support a Biodiversity programme, of which £70,000 would replace funding approved from the Climate Action Fund as per the 'Ecological Emergency – Preparing a Biodiversity Action Plan' report (Cabinet 9 February 2023 – Item 20). The £70,000 approved within this report would then be returned to the Climate Action Fund to support further activity on this programme of works.
- £105,072 to deliver a cost-of-living support scheme. This scheme would also be funded through the remaining balance from the 2022/23 hardship fund, which at year end was forecast to be around £100,000.

By protecting the Council's tax base, similar increased revenue would be generated in future years, the use of which the Council would be able to determine when setting future years' budgets.

Councillors, Boad, Russell, Kohler, Syson, Norris, Grey, Kennedy, Roberts, R Dickson, Skinner, Day, Milton, Wright, Davison, Luckhurst, Falp, Grainger, Rhead, Cullinan, Illingworth, Barton, K Dickson, and Hales spoke on this amendment.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Before the vote a recorded vote was proposed by Councillor Boad and duly supported by two Councillors. The votes were recorded as follows:

For: Councillors; Boad, Davison, A Dearing, J Dearing, K Dickson, R Dickson, Evans, B Gifford, C Gifford, Grey, Kennedy, Kohler, Luckhurst, Milton, Norris, Roberts, Russell and Syson.

Against: Councillors Ashford, Bartlett, Barton, Falp, Grainger, Hales, Illingworth, Jacques, King, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Margrave, Matecki, Murphy, Noone, Redford, Rhead, Skinner, Tracey and Wright.

There were no abstentions.

The Substantive motion was then debated with Councillors, Davison, Jacques, Matecki, Day, Rhead, Kohler, Boad, King and Hales addressing the meeting.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was

Resolved that the recommendations contained in minute 84 headed "Budget 2023/24 – General Fund Revenue and Capital" as set out in the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2022, subject to the addendum circulated at the meeting, be approved and adopted.

By law, a recorded vote was required on the substantive motion. The votes on this were as follows:

For: Councillors Ashford, Bartlett, Barton, Falp, Grainger, Hales, Illingworth, Jacques, King, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Margrave, Matecki, Murphy, Noone, Redford, Rhead, Skinner, Tracey and Wright.

Against: Boad, Davison, A Dearing, J Dearing, K Dickson, R Dickson, Evans, B Gifford, C Gifford, Grey, Kennedy, Kohler, Luckhurst, Milton, Norris, Roberts, Russell and Syson.

There were no abstentions.

- (b) The report of the Responsible Financial Officer set the Council Tax for the area of Warwick District, incorporating its own budget which was borne by Council Tax, along with the precepts from the other authorities within the area.

It was proposed by Councillor Hales, seconded by Councillor Day and

Resolved that:

- (1) as set out in the Revenue and Capital Budget 2023/24 (Cabinet recommendations, 9 February 2023 and Appendix 3) and 2023/24 Budget Book (Appendix 4), subject to the amendment agreed in Minute 81(a) of this meeting, the following be approved:-
 - (a) the Revenue Budgets for 2023/24; and
 - (b) the Capital Programme for 2023/24, be approved;
- (2) the amounts for the 2023/24 Warwick District Tax Base, be noted;
- (3) the amounts and calculation for the 2023/24 Warwick District Council's Council Tax, including parish / town council precepts as set out at Appendix 1 and 1a to the minutes), be approved;
- (4) the amounts for the 2022/23 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Precepts, be noted; and
- (5) the total Council Tax for the District for each band in each Parish / Town Council (Appendix 2 to the minutes), be approved.

By law, a recorded vote was required on this matter. The votes on this were as follows:

For: Councillors Ashford, Bartlett, Barton, Boad, Cooke, Cullinan, Day, A Dearing, J Dearing, K Dickson, R Dickson, Evans, Falp, B Gifford, C Gifford, Grainger, Hales, Illingworth, Jacques, King, Kennedy, Kohler, Leigh-Hunt, Mangat, Margrave, Matecki, Milton, Murphy, Noone, Redford, Rhead, Roberts, Russell, Skinner, Syson, Tracey and Wright.

Against: Councillors Grey and Norris

Abstentions: Councillors Davison and Luckhurst.

(At 9.20pm, the meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes for a comfort break.)

82. Housing Rents & Housing Revenue Account 2023/24

The recommendations of the Cabinet on 9 February 2023 within Minute 85 were proposed by Councillor Hales and seconded by Councillor Day.

Resolved that the recommendations from the meeting of Cabinet 9 February 2023, be approved.

83. **Cabinet Report**

The recommendations of the Cabinet on 9 February 2023, excluding Minutes 84 and 85 that had already been considered by Council, were proposed by Councillor Day and seconded by Councillor Hales.

Resolved that the recommendations from the meeting of Cabinet 9 February 2023 be approved.

84. **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Milton, seconded by Councillor K Dickson that the report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee of the 7 February 2023 be approved by Council subject to the remit of the Budget Review Group, to include consideration of the Annual Treasury Management Strategy (if it is reported to Cabinet in February) and the revised wording as follows:

"The Group will meet the evening before Cabinet and will be responsible for reviewing the following papers:"

Resolved that the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee of 7 February 2023, be approved.

85. **Audit & Standards Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor K Dickson, seconded by Councillor Milton that the recommendations of the Audit & Standards Committee within minutes 42 and 43 of their meeting on of the 21 February 2023 be approved.

Resolved that the recommendations from the Audit & Standards Committee of 21 February 2023, be approved.

86. **Common Seal**

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Day and

Resolved that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such documents as it may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 9.37pm)

CHAIR
15 March 2023