

Jane Knight
Chair of the Council

Council meeting: Wednesday, 16 November 2016

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at 6.05pm.

Emergency Procedure

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair 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 held on 21 September 2016 as set out on pages 1 to 6

4. **Communications and Announcements**



5. **Petitions**

6. **Notices of Motion**

(A) To consider a notice of Motion from Councillor Quinney:

Councillors are aware that over 60 of the 120 beds available in the area to providing transitional housing for the young and vulnerable homeless are in the process of closing. More closures may follow.

This net loss of capacity will make it more difficult and slower to place those individuals and effectively take capacity out of our own housing stock.

Officers are considering whether properties used for this purpose and already owned by the Council such as William Walgrave House could be kept open indefinitely - but that would still leave a significant and probably growing gap.

Councillors are also aware of the rise in homelessness claims in the locality in general, a larger proportion of which are now priority 1 where we have a statutory duty to house. As a result the number of those housed in temporary 'B&B' accommodation is rising sharply and is forecast to cost the Council £50k more than budgetted in the current financial year.

Both issues inevitably have a knock-on effect on how quickly we can meet the needs of lower priority residents, within the 3000+ Homechoice waiting list.

If the Council were to lease or acquire properties to meet both needs, such a project should at least cover lease/running costs through the rental income generated and may help reduce overspend on B&B.

Therefore it is proposed that Warwick District Council approves:

- (1) Officers ensure current transitional housing in existing WDC properties is maintained until further notice;
- (2) Officers urgently and proactively seek to build on that approach by leasing or acquiring sufficient suitable additional properties to offer as short-term accommodation. By doing so they should seek at least to fill the capacity gaps emerging in transitional housing; and
- (3) Officers also investigate the opportunities to lease or acquire property suitable for temporary accommodation for priority 1 homeless with a view to capping and reversing the budget overspend.

(B) To consider a notice of Motion from Councillor Quinney:

At present Council policy is to offer overnight accommodation to rough sleepers, when the temperature is predicted to fall below zero degrees C for three successive nights.

Therefore it is proposed that Warwick District Council adjusts its policy in support of rough sleepers with immediate effect this winter, reducing the number of nights predicted with below zero temperatures from three to one.

(C) To consider a notice of Motion from Councillor Mobbs that:

That whilst this Council fully endorses the detailed response from its Licensing and Regulatory Committee to the consultation by the Boundary Commission on the proposed new Parliamentary constituency boundaries within the District it would emphasise that:

- (1) It strongly prefers that the towns of Warwick and Leamington should remain paired in the same constituency as they have been since 1885; and
- (2) As a minimum amendment it considers it essential that the whole of the County Town of Warwick should be in the same constituency.

7. **Public Submissions**

8. **Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

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

10. **Executive Report**

To consider reports of the Executive meetings held on:

- (a) 28 September 2016 **(Item 10a/Page 1 to 17)**
- (b) Excerpt of 2 November 2016 **(To follow)**

11. **Licensing & Regulatory Committee report**

To consider reports of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee on 31 October 2016
(To follow)

12. **Leisure Centre Investment Proposal – Phase I**

To consider a report from Cultural Services
(Pages 1-17 and Appendices 1 to 8)

13. **Councillor Tony Heath**

The Council considered a request to provide dispensation, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act, for Councillor Tony Heath not to attend meetings between now and 24 February 2017 due to personal circumstances.

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act stated that: "if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Authority".

Councillor Heath last attended a meeting of the Council on 18 May 2016 and therefore has until 18 November 2016. This dispensation would provide him with the reassurance at this difficult time.

14. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving that 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 paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

15. **Confidential Executive Report**

To consider reports of the confidential report of the Executive on 28 September 2016.
(Pages 1 –3)
(Not for publication)

16. **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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