

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2009 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Gifford (Chair); Councillors Barrott, Boad, Coker, Copping, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Edwards, Mrs Gallagher, Guest, Hatfield and Mrs Sawdon.

(Councillor Edwards substituted for Councillor Gill and Councillor Guest substituted for Councillor Mrs Higgins)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Scarrott.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS) – TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2009**

Agenda Item Number 3 – Proposed Changes to the Council's Discretionary Assisted Travel Scheme

The Committee had very strong opinions for and against the implementation of this new scheme.

However, the majority of members on the Committee would like the Executive to re-tender for a scheme which was similar to that previously operated by Racing Club Warwick. The scheme should be modified in light of experience and offer an enhancement to residents in the rural areas, but the scheme should be available to all residents in the District, including those in urban areas. The majority did not support the new scheme which was proposed.

The Committee would also like all Town and Parish Councils to be reminded that they should participate in Warwickshire County Council's consultation on improving the existing bus routes in the District.

A vote was taken on this comment and the result was 6 in favour and 5 against.

(The meeting ended at 7.25pm)