

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2006 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

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

254. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute Number 256 – Executive Agenda - Non Confidential Items and Reports - Budget 2007-08 Prospects and Process

Councillor Mrs Sawdon declared a personal interest in relation to the use of the Town Hall by the Magistrates Court.

Minute Number 256 - Executive Agenda – Non Confidential Items and Reports – Warwick Renaissance – (Parks and Gardens Lottery Bid)

Councillor Mrs Hodgetts declared a personal prejudicial interest because this was a potential employment opportunity.

Minute Number 256 – Executive Agenda - Non Confidential Items and Reports - Six Month Evaluation of Warwickshire Direct – Kenilworth and Proposals for the One Stop Shop Programme

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest because of her employment in the library service.

255. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2006 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as correct record.

256. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 24 July 2006.

As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:

Agenda Item Number 3 – Corporate Strategy

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 4 - Financial Monitoring 2006/2007 (to 31st May 2006)

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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Agenda Item Number 5 - Budget 2007-08 Prospects and Process

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 6 - Regeneration Bid – Leamington Old Town

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 7 - Warwick Renaissance – (Parks and Gardens Lottery Bid)

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 8 - Six Month Evaluation of Warwickshire Direct – Kenilworth and Proposals for the One Stop Shop Programme

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but with relation to information in para 2.8, the Executive be recommended to consider re-examining the proposals, through negotiations with Whitnash Town Council, to clarify the position.

Agenda Item Number 9 - Safer Neighbourhoods

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but that (a) the Community Safety Manager be requested to consider how Police Constables could be retained to work in their allocated areas for a period of time, and (b) the initiative be reviewed after one year to evaluate how the arrangements linked with Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

Agenda Item Number 10 - Major Contract Renewals Stage 1 – Procurement Strategy

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but officers be requested to consider in detail the arrangements for alternate week collections to address the concerns of the public with regard to affordability, health issues, the effect that it would have on increasing recycling levels, the problems of moving full bins/containers, the types and size of bins use, and that the importance of publicising and promoting the scheme be considered.

The question of whether the scheme should be supported in principal was debated and agreed on a vote of 8 for and 3 against.

Agenda Item Number 11 - Update on the move to Decriminalisation of on street parking

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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Agenda Item Number 12 - Proposed Allotments - Bee Hive Hill

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but the Executive be requested to agree to a flexible lease being entered into of 10 years or more, or until the land was required for use by the Council, to provide sufficient time for the quality of the soil to be improved. The lease should also contain controls as to the types of structures which could be constructed on the land, and that the design of the access to the site should take into account safety requirements.

Agenda Item Number 13 - Tenant and Leaseholder Participation

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 14 - Use of Council Land Heathcote Road/Dobson Lane, Whitnash - Petition From Residents

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15 (A) - Rural Initiatives

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15 (B) - Planning Development Grant and Planning Establishment

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15 (C) - Siting of Community Pod in Priory Pools Park and License of Land to County Council

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15 (D) - Best Value Review

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15 (E) - Children's Act

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but that all Councillor should be encouraged to have CRB checks.

The was agreed on a vote of 9 in favour and 2 against.

257. 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 & 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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258. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered an item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 24 July 2006.

As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item Number 18 - Early retirement of staff affected by the
Administration Review

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.00 pm)

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