

**Mrs Clare Sawdon**  
Chairman of the Council

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**Council meeting: Wednesday, 19 November 2014**

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 19 November 2014 at 6.05pm.

**Emergency Procedure**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman 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 on 24 September 2014 as set out on pages 1 to 6.

4. **Communications and Announcements**

5. **Public Interest Debate**

6. **Petitions**

To receive a petition, under the Council's petition scheme, from the Friends of St Marys Lands, endorsed over 1200 signatures, which reads as follows:

*"To honour their earlier commitments to the residents of the town of Warwick and fully protect St Mary Lands Warwick, from any further development which would impact upon the open nature of the land, or reduce the amount of land available for free public recreation.*

*Further Details:*

*We demand that any future management plan for St Mary Lands, recognises that this was Warwick's Common for hundreds of years, and the deep affection it is held in by local residents; and has no changes in land-use that are in conflict with any part of the Warwick District Council Act 1984*

*We note that the existing Management Plan for St Mary Lands, which was adopted by the full council in 2005, was drafted after extensive public consultations and the active involvement of a wide range stakeholders.*

*We note that in 2001 there was unanimous agreement from WDC Councillors that the central area of St Mary Lands be protected from any further development, and that a public consultation strongly supported this.*

*We should reasonably expect that any changes to the existing management plan, would first have to be fully justified, and then a similar transparent, public and accountable process undertaken in drafting a new management plan; to that used in forming the 2005 plan. Which should then have extensive public consultation, on a fully costed published plan, including public meetings.*

*We would expect any new master plan to be an evolution of the existing management plan, and to include a full assessment on its success and to account fully for how the £3.2 million of public money was spent.*

*Given that St Mary Lands was adopted as a local wildlife site in 2011, we would expect that any changes, that impact on biodiversity, have a full Environmental Impact Assessment; and this should be part of any master plan or management plan for St Mary Lands.*

*The proposed changes in the GVA Report have only involved a very narrow group of leasehold tenants, and appear to be mainly driven by their financial interests, and therefore do not constitute a "master plan" fit to replace the existing management plan or to meet the criteria set out in CT7 of the Draft Local Plan."*

The petition is received under the Council's petition scheme which because the petition has more than 500 signatures must be debated by Council. The rules for the consideration of this petition are set out below:

The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee. Where the issue is one on which the Council's Executive is required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to

inform that decision. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision. This confirmation will also be published on our website.

7. **Housing & Property Services**

To receive a presentation from the Head of Housing & Property Services on the services provided.

8. **Response to Council Motion**

To consider the report from Councillors Mrs Sawdon, in response to the Notice of Motion Considered by Council in June 2014 regarding a Housing Committee.  
**(Item 8 / Pages 1 to 6)**

9. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the Notice of Motion from Councillor Mrs Higgins:

*"That this Council asks officers to investigate and report to the relevant Executive on the potential for introducing a required colour scheme for all Hackney Carriage Vehicles licensed by this authority. This would be with a view to all Warwick District licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles being this colour by the year 2020.*

*The purpose for introducing such arrangements would be to ensure that every passenger - be they teenagers or the elderly – know that the car outside their house, at the hospital, at the train station is a WDC badged taxicab driven by a fit and proper person.*

*The Council would expect the report from officers to include details of known schemes within England and Wales, the benefits these have brought and would bring for this council, the potential costs for licensees, the risks associated with the proposal from potential challenges from licensees and how this could impact on current policy."*

10. **Public Submissions**

11. **Questions to Committee Chairmen**

12. **Questions to Portfolio Holders**

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

14. **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

15. **Reports of the Executive**

To receive the reports of the Executive meetings of:

- 3 September 2014 (excluding minute 35 that was approved by Council on 24 September 2014) **(Item 15/Pages 1 to 18)**
- Excerpt of 1 October 2014 **(Item 15/Pages 18 to 22)**

16. **Report of Employment Committee**

To receive the report of the Employment Committee meeting of 17 September 2014. **(Item 16 / Pages 1 to 30)**

17. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving 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 paragraph(s), as set out in the item, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

18. **Confidential Reports of the Executive**

To receive the report of the Executive meeting of 3 September 2014  
**(Item 18/Pages 1 to 11)**

19. **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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