

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 October 2006 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 7.05 pm.

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

(Councillor Mrs Mellor substituted for Councillor Guest)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute Number xxx – Executive Agenda – Non-Confidential Items and Reports

Councillor Mrs Hodgetts declared personal and prejudicial interests in item number 12G – Review of Large Grants as she was a trustee of GAP Community Centre. She did not leave the room as the item was not considered.

Minute Number xxx – Executive Agenda – Confidential Items and Reports

Councillor Copping declared a personal interest in item number 16 – Future Use of Town Hall and Riverside House, Leamington as he was a Leamington Spa Town Councillor.

Councillors Kundi declared a personal interest in item number 16 – Future Use of Town Hall and Riverside House, Leamington because he was a trustee of CVS.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2006 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2006**

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 11 September 2006 were noted.

5. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 23 October 2006.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 – Notice of Motion

The Committee supported the notice of motion and suggested that the Amenities Manager be the main liaison with Severn Trent Water and the

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County Council. They were sympathetic to the concerns raised by Kenilworth Town Council.

Agenda Item Number 4 – Gambling Act 2005

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 5 – Renewal of Major Contracts

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and suggested that the process move as quickly as possible.

Agenda Item Number 6 – Approval of Fees and Charges 2007/2008

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and asked what Severn Trent would be doing about the Environmental Health issues with regard to Pest Control. Also, under Licensing and Registration, would the vehicles used for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire comply with the new European fuel emission rules. It was also suggested that, the swimming fees for children remain the same to encourage use of the facilities and healthy living.

Agenda Item Number 7 – Financial Monitoring 2006/2007 (To 31st August 2006)

The Committee asked for a breakdown of how much had been spent on the Cultural Quarter project referred to in 8.2.5 and for this to be sent to all Councillors.

Agenda Item Number 8 – Review of HomeChoice – Final Proposals

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and would like a report back in 6 months.

Agenda Item Number 9 – Review of Rent Arrears Recovery Policy

The Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and would like a new report in 6 months.

Agenda Item Number 10 – Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 11 – Draft Warwickshire Local Area Agreement

The Committee thought that the report was not very easy to understand. They noted it and waited a further report which would fit in with the beliefs of Warwick District Council and focus on the role of members in Local Area Agreement as well as any financial implications.

Agenda Item Number 12 – General Report

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(A) Street Cleansing

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(B) Installation of Biomass Boiler at Oakley Wood Crematorium

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and asked if the Head of Property Services could look into the possibility of leasing the boiler on a repairing lease.

(C) Variation to current Lease of the Car Park at Talisman Square, Kenilworth

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and suggested that the toilets located at Abbey End have minor remedial works done to bring it up to a user friendly standard and to be exceptionally clean and tidy. They requested that this work be undertaken within a 2-3 week period and before the facility at Talisman Square was demolished. The Committee stressed that they did not want this work to delay the works at Talisman Square.

(D) Development of Telecare Service

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(E) Decent Homes in the Private Sector

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(F) Homelessness Prevention Measures

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(G) Review of Large Grants

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(H) Statement of Community Involvement

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(I) Revised Lettings Policy

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

6. 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 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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7. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the following confidential items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 23rd October 2006.

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

Agenda Item Number 15 – Enablement of ‘Agile’ Working Through the Introduction Protocol (IP) Telephony and Voice Over IP and Wireless Warwick

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and also suggested that this would be a big advantage to Warwickshire County Council and the Fire Brigade.

Agenda Item Number 16 – Future Use of the Town Hall and Riverside House, Leamington

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but should option 9 be adopted, the Town Hall would need to be vigorously advertised to promote its facilities in order for it to make money.

Agenda Item Number 17 – Proposed disposal of HRA Asset: 1A Sherbourne Terrace

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 18 – Early Retirement of Administration Manager Housing Services

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)