

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 25 February 2004 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Doody (Chairman); Councillors Ashford, Mrs Begg, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bunker, Butler, Caborn, Chander, Cockburn, Coker, Mrs Compton, Copping, Crowther, Davies, Davis, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Mrs Edwards, Evans, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Hammon, Harris, Hatfield, Ms Hirsch, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland, Kinson, Kirton, Mrs Knight, Kundi, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Offer, Pratt, Sandhar, Mrs Sawdon, Shilton, Short, Smith, Tamlin and Windybank.

893. PRAYER

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

894. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Falp and Guest.

895. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 January 2004, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

896. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The Chairman reported that a total of £290 had been collected for his Charity from the Art Exhibition which had been held in the Town Hall prior to the Christmas Concert on 13 December 2003.
- (B) The Chairman referred to the Charity Supper which would be held on 24 April 2004 and the Charity Concert to be held on 4 April 2004 and welcomed as many Councillors as possible to attend.
- (C) The Chairman presented certificates to former Councillors Mrs Agnes Leddy (29 years 11 months) and Doctor Peter Byrd (23 years), and to Councillor Mrs Josie Compton and Councillor Michael Coker (20 years each) for their distinguished and loyal service as members of Warwick District Council.
- (D) The Chairman reported that this would be the last Council meeting that would be attended by Chris Lickorish in view of his pending retirement at the end of March 2004. He thanked him on behalf of the Council for his long service to the Council.

897 QUESTION PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 7(2)

- (A) From Councillor Mrs F G Bunker to the Leader of the Executive and Strategic Leadership Portfolio Holder:-

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

“In view of the work involved in preparing for CPA, I would like the following information:

1. How much is the cost in officer and staff time?
2. What has been the cost of training staff and members?
3. What work has had to be delayed or postponed as a result?
4. Have we needed to employ extra staff to enable the work to be done?
5. What financial support does the Government provide to alleviate the burden on the local tax payer?”

Councillor R Crowther replied:-

“I can provide you with the following information:

1. Estimated staff time of 154 days including artwork and production.
2. I am not aware of any costs incurred specifically to buy in CPA training. However, there has been a cost in time associated with officers and members respectively giving and receiving that training, eg. The Change Board. This is included in the above estimate of 154 days.

Other related training in EFQM and carrying out peer assessments is something which the Council committed to prior to CPA as part of its aim to become an Acknowledged Excellent Council. This investment has directly contributed to the council's ability to respond well to the challenge of CPA.

3. Officers, rightly, planned for the time commitment for the preparation work and prioritised the balance of their work accordingly. Consequently I understand that for most of the team involved no work has been delayed or postponed as a direct result. However, the combination of the vacant post of Director of Environment and this major project to complete at the same time, has meant that the ability of senior managers to commit an appropriate amount of time to other work has been reduced.
4. The print room brought in temporary staff to assist with production of the Compact Disc and booklet. This happens to cover peaks and troughs in workload. The time spent is included in the 154 days.
5. There is a grant (payable on production of appropriate invoices) from the Audit Commission for £5000 towards the cost of the Peer Assessment work. In the case of this council it will be carried out by West Midlands Local Government Association.”

In a supplementary question, Councillor Mrs Bunker asked Councillor Crowther:-

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“The first question which I asked was how much is the cost in officer and Staff time. I have been given an estimated staff time of 154 days. I would like that elaborated on please because if you are paid the minimum wage 154 days would not be that much. If you are on a higher level of pay, as some of our officers are, it would be considerably more. I would like a pounds and pence figure on that please.”

In reply, Councillor Crowther said:-

“The question was about staff and that was the answer, and so I am not in a position immediately to give a financial figure. I take Councillor Mrs Bunker’s point that the actual financial cost will depend on the salary level of the particular officers concerned, and what I can tell her is that there is quite a large measure of highly paid officer time involved but I am unable to supply a figure. One will be worked out within a fairly short time.”

898. BUDGET 2004/05 AND COUNCIL TAX – REVENUE AND CAPITAL

It was moved by Councillor Crowther and duly seconded that Minute 875 of the report of Executive dated 9 February 2004 and the report of the Executive held on 24 February 2004, together with the recommendations set out in the revised version of the report of the Strategic Director (Community Resources) and Chief Financial Officer under Item 8 of the Agenda, be approved and adopted.

It was also moved that the recommendations set out in Minute 784 (Members’ Allowances) of the report of the Standards Committee dated the 14 January 2004, be amended to read:-

- “(1) the Panel be thanked for preparing their recommendations;
- (2) for 2004/05 the current scheme of allowances be continued subject to inflation uprating; and
- (3) with effect from 13 May 2004:
 - (a) an allowance of £1,000 be instituted for the observer to the Executive;
 - (b) the allowance for the Chair of Standards Committee be payable to a co-opted member equally as to a member of the Council; and
 - (c) an allowance of £250 be instituted for co-opted members of Committees”.

First
Amendment

It was moved by Councillor Coker and duly seconded that in Minute 893, the recommendations be deleted and the following inserted:-

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

“1. The changes to the December base budget in paragraph 7.2 (9 February report), together with the Portfolio holder proposals for new growth in paragraph 8.1 (9 February report) and the further amendments in paragraph 6 below be agreed and as a consequence there is a 4.5% increase in the Council’s Council Tax levy. Hence:-

- 1.1 (a) That the proposals for the Net Cost of General Fund Services as revised for 2003/04 and at their original values for 2004/05 be approved at £20,501,800 and £19,324,500 respectively.
 - (b) That the net non-service costs as revised for 2003/04 and at their original values for 2004/05 be approved as credits of £6,948,195 and £6,005,200 .
 - (c) That the net expenditure for district purposes as revised for 2003/04 and as originally estimated for 2004/05 be £13,553,605 and £13,319,300 respectively.
- 1.2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2004/05 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £66,222,030.53 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act.
 - (b) £52,132,200.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act.
 - (c) £14,089,830.53 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
 - (d) £7,703,191.00 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant reduced by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its general fund to its collection

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

fund pursuant to the directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (estimated community charge deficit) and reduced by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund pursuant to the directions under Section 98(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (estimated council tax deficit).

- (e) £125.61 being the amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the council tax base, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- (f) £770,530.53 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) £110.46 being the amount at (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (f) above by the council tax base, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
- (h) Part of the Council's Area

| PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL | |
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| Baddesley Clinton | 136.97 |
| Baginton | 130.54 |
| Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton | 130.87 |
| Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall | 120.71 |
| Bishops Tachbrook | 130.31 |
| Bubbenhall | 130.40 |
| Budbrooke | 129.09 |
| Bushwood | 110.46 |
| Cubbington | 124.60 |
| Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley | 122.42 |
| Hatton | 118.81 |
| Kenilworth | 119.50 |
| Lapworth | 125.78 |
| Leamington Spa | 123.71 |
| Leek Wootton | 121.05 |

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

| PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL | |
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| Norton Lindsey | 130.56 |
| Old Milverton & Blackdown | 121.95 |
| Radford Semele | 132.04 |
| Rowington | 125.81 |
| Shrewley | 117.38 |
| Stoneleigh & Ashow | 123.63 |
| Warwick | 131.95 |
| Whitnash | 131.26 |

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the council tax base for those parts of the area, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (i) The amounts shown in Appendices 2 and 2A (*of the report regarding the amendment*) being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (g) and (h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.
- 1.3 The General Fund Capital Programme and the Housing Investment Programme as set out in Appendix 6 (*of the report regarding the amendment*), and to be amended to reflect Amended Proposals, are agreed together with their financing as also shown in Appendix 6 In addition:
- Officers come forward with proposals for the Executive to consider on the criteria for the allocation of the Rural Initiatives Fund
 - Officers carry out a review on the options for the Councils Gyms in order to decide if the planned investment should be undertaken
 - A further review is undertaken of the highways works, prior to any further expenditure, given this is a County Council responsibility.
- 1.4 The Prudential indicators as set out in Appendix 8, to be amended to reflect Amended Proposals, and highlighted in Paragraph 13.1 (9 February report) are agreed and recommended to Council for approval.
- 1.5 The implications for future year's taxes as set out in Paragraph 7 and Appendix 5 (*of the report regarding the amendment*) are noted.
- 1.6 If there is any mismatch between the Council's subsidiary strategies and action plans officers bring forward proposals for managing within the agreed budgets.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

1.7 The following items are funded from reserves (paragraph 8.1.4) (9 Feb report):

- £25,000 from the planning reserve for a housing needs/aspirations research survey
- £10,000 from the planning reserve for research into the needs of the Black and Ethnic minority community
- £5,000 from the planning reserve for the reprint of the local plan

In addition, the Best Value reserve should be reduced by £28,500 in place of funding the Performance Assessments as detailed in the Amended Proposals.

1.8 The revised financial strategy as set out in Appendix 9 (*of the report regarding the amendment*) is agreed

1.9 The Capital Strategy is revised following the completion of the Asset Condition Survey

1.10 Service plans are finalised and brought forward on the basis of the recommendations in this report

1.11 Members' allowances are only updated for inflation for 2004/05, and the only changes to the scheme are to include an allowance for:-

- Observer to Executive
- Standards Chair
- Co-Optees

1.12 The Chief Executive brings forward proposals to ensure the salaries savings from reorganisations in Paragraph 6 are achieved.

1.13 The Executive receives budget monitoring reports on a quarterly basis."

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

Second Amendment It was moved by Councillor Kirton and duly seconded that in Minute 893, the recommendation be deleted and the following inserted:-

"1 The changes to the December base budget in paragraph 7.2 (9 February report), together with the Portfolio holder proposals for new growth in paragraph 8.1 (9 February report) and the further amendments in paragraph 6 below be agreed and as a consequence there is a 6.0% increase in the Council's Council Tax levy. Hence:-

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

- 1.1 (a) That the proposals for the Net Cost of General Fund Services as revised for 2003/04 and at their original values for 2004/05 be approved at £20,501,800 and £19,342,000 respectively.
- (b) That the net non-service costs as revised for 2003/04 and at their original values for 2004/05 be approved as credits of £6,948,195 and £5,940,700.
- (c) That the net expenditure for district purposes as revised for 2003/04 and as originally estimated for 2004/05 be £13,553,605 and £13,401,349 respectively.
- 1.2 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2004/05 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £66,304,030.53 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act.
- (b) £52,132,200.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act.
- (c) £14,171,830.53 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £7,703,191.00 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant reduced by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund pursuant to the directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (estimated community charge deficit) and reduced by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will

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be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund pursuant to the directions under Section 98(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (estimated council tax deficit).

- (e) £127.22 being the amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the council tax base, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- (f) £770,530.53 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) £112.07 being the amount at (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (f) above by the council tax base, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

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| Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall | 122.32 |
| Bishops Tachbrook | 131.92 |
| Bubbenhall | 132.01 |
| Budbrooke | 130.70 |
| Bushwood | 112.07 |
| Cubbington | 126.21 |
| Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury and Weston-under-Wetherley | 124.03 |
| Hatton | 120.42 |
| Kenilworth | 121.11 |
| Lapworth | 127.39 |
| Leamington Spa | 125.32 |
| Leek Wootton | 122.66 |
| Norton Lindsey | 132.17 |
| Old Milverton & Blackdown | 123.56 |
| Radford Semele | 133.65 |
| Rowington | 127.42 |
| Shrewley | 118.99 |
| Stoneleigh & Ashow | 125.24 |
| Warwick | 133.56 |

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| PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL | |
| Whitnash | 132.87 |

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the council tax base for those parts of the area, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (ii) The amounts shown in Appendices 2 and 2A (*of the report regarding the amendment*), new versions attached, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (g) and (h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.
- 1.3 The General Fund Capital Programme and the Housing Investment Programme as set out in Appendix 6 (*of the report regarding the amendment*), and to be amended to reflect the Amended Proposals, are agreed together with their financing as also shown in Appendix 6. In addition:
- Officers come forward with proposals for the Executive to consider on the criteria for the allocation of the Rural Initiatives Fund
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- 1.4 The Prudential indicators as set out in Appendix 8, to be amended to reflect the Amended Proposals, and highlighted in Paragraph 13.1 (9 February report) are agreed and recommended to Council for approval.
- 1.5 The implications for future year's taxes as set out in Paragraph 7 and Appendix 5 (*of the report regarding the amendment*) be noted.
- 1.6 If there is any mismatch between the Council's subsidiary strategies and action plans officers bring forward proposals for managing within the agreed budgets.
- 1.7 The following items are funded from reserves (paragraph 8.1.4) (9 February report):
- £25,000 from the planning reserve for a housing needs/aspirations research survey
 - £10,000 from the planning reserve for research into the needs of

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the Black and Ethnic minority community

- £5,000 from the planning reserve for the reprint of the local plan

In addition, the Best Value reserve should be reduced by £28,500 in place of funding the Performance Assessments as detailed in the Amended Proposals

- 1.8 The revised financial strategy as set out in Appendix 9 (*of the report regarding the amendment*) is agreed
- 1.9 The Capital Strategy is revised following the completion of the Asset Condition Survey
- 1.10 Service plans are finalised and brought forward on the basis of the recommendations in the report (*of the report regarding the amendment*)
- 1.11 Members' allowances are only updated for inflation for 2004/05, and the only changes to the scheme are to include an allowance for:-
 - Observer to Executive
 - Standards Chair
 - Co-Optees
- 1.12 The Chief Executive brings forward proposals to ensure the salaries savings from reorganisations in Paragraph 6 are achieved.
- 1.13 The Executive receives budget monitoring reports on a quarterly basis."

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

(A) Adoption of Motion:

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(2), on the requisition of one member supported by two other members, the vote on the amendment was recorded and, on the vote being taken, the motion was declared carried, the voting being as follows:-

For the Motion 24.

Councillors Ashford, Mrs Begg, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Chander, Copping, Crowther, Davis, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Evans, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Harris, Ms Hirsch, Holland, Mrs Knight, Kundi, Mrs McFarland, Sandhar, Shilton, Smith and Tamlin.

Against the Motion 19.

Councillors Mrs Bunker, Butler, Caborn, Cockburn, Coker, Mrs Compton, Davies, Doody, Mrs Edwards, Hammon, Hatfield, Kinson, Kirton, MacKay, Offer, Pratt, Mrs Sawdon, Short and Windybank.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Abstentions nil.

The motion was therefore declared carried.

It was therefore

RESOLVED that

- (1) the recommendations set out in Minute 893 be adopted;
- (2) in accordance with the report from the Strategic Director (Community Resources) and Chief Financial Officer, it be noted that for the year 2004/05 the Warwickshire County Council and the Warwickshire Police Authority have stated that following amounts and precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

| Band | Warwickshire County Council | Warwickshire Police Authority |
|-------------|--|--|
| | £ | £ |
| A | 614.8084 | 84.3687 |
| B | 717.2764 | 98.4301 |
| C | 819.7445 | 112.4916 |
| D | 922.2126 | 126.5530 |
| E | 1,127.1487 | 154.6759 |
| F | 1,332.0848 | 182.7988 |
| G | 1,537.0210 | 210.9217 |
| H | 1,844.4251 | 253.1060 |

- (3) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at the above paragraph and the amounts required under Section 36(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act hereby sets the amount shown in Appendix A as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2004/05 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

(The Chairman of the Council agreed that the report of the Executive meeting dated 24 February 2004, should be considered as a matter of urgency, although it was not referred to in the Agenda for the meeting, in view of the need to determine the Council's budget).

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

899. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (A) It was moved by Councillor R W Smith and duly seconded:-

“Requests the council, through consultation or negotiation with the cell phone operators that the positioning of telecommunication masts within Warwick District’s urban areas and residential sites and near schools is looked at in light of the potential health risks and concerns by the public as well as the visual impact they cause. With the proliferation and necessity of the use of the cell phone by the general public, an approach needs to be adopted by all the cell phone operators of a joint partnership, to be able to share masts and also to site them on or near industrial sites, or on or near technology sites thereby cutting down on impact to the environment and improving quality of life.”

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Executive.

- (B) It was moved by Councillor Mrs M A Begg and duly seconded:-

"That this Council agree due to the environmental damage which plastic shopping bags generate in their production and lifetime, to launch and lead a vigorous campaign for the introduction of a tax on plastic shopping bags similar to that which has been successfully introduced in other countries and that revenues generated be used to finance work to protect and enhance the environment.”

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Executive.

- (C) It was moved by Councillor M Kinson and duly seconded:-

“That whilst acknowledging that the planning application for a telecom mast at the BT building on Priory Road, Warwick was determined properly in accordance with planning guidance, the Council recognises the considerable concern that has been expressed over the potential health impact of the mast in close proximity to the Kings High School for girls.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5(6), it was moved and seconded that the motion proposed by Councillor Kinson be considered at the meeting.

On this being put to the meeting, it was declared carried.

Following debate, the motion was put to the meeting and, on a vote being taken, was declared carried.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

900. ADJOURNMENT

It was then

RESOLVED that the Council stand adjourned until Thursday 26 February 2004 at 6.00 pm.

(The meeting then adjourned at 9.55 pm)

RESUMPTION OF ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING ON 26 FEBRUARY 2004

PRESENT: Councillor Doody (Chairman); Councillors Ashford, Mrs Begg, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Butler, Caborn, Chander, Cockburn, Coker, Mrs Compton, Copping, Crowther, Davies, Davis, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Mrs Edwards, Evans, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Hammon, Harris, Ms Hirsch, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland, Kinson, Mrs Knight, Kundi, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Pratt, Sandhar, Mrs Sawdon, Shilton, Smith, Tamlin and Windybank.

901. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bunker, Mrs Falp, Guest, Kirton, Hatfield and Offer.

902. THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Executive dated 19 January and 9 February 2004 (excluding Minute 875 which had been previously considered), be approved and adopted.

903. ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Edwards, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 13 January 2004 and 3 February 2004, be approved and adopted.

904. ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Compton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 13 January 2004 and 3 February 2004, be approved and adopted.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

905. SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs McFarland, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 13 January and 3 February 2004, be approved and adopted.

906. MEMBERS'/TRADES UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL

It was moved by Councillor Holland, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Members'/Trades Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel dated 14 January 2004, be approved and adopted.

907. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Davis, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Standards Committee dated 14 January 2004, be approved and adopted.

908. AUDIT AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Caborn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 15 January 2004, and 4 and 23 February 2004, be approved and adopted.

(The Chairman of the Council agreed that the report of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 23 February 2004, should be considered as a matter of urgency, although it was not referred to in the Agenda for the meeting, in view of the need to determine the Council's budget).

909. EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Employment Committee dated 4 February 2004, be approved and adopted.

910. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Evans, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 6 and 26 January 2004, be approved and adopted.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

911. REGULATORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillor M Doody be appointed as a member of the Regulatory Committee in succession to Councillor P Offer and that Councillor Offer be appointed to the list of substitute members for the Committee for the Conservative Group, in succession to Councillor Doody.

912. SECTION 92, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In addition to Members who already disclosed their interest in the appropriate Committee and Sub-Committee Minutes the following declared their interest in respect of the Minutes set out in columns (1) and (2) below and, when the Minutes were discussed by the Council, took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

(Those shown with * indicate members who left the meeting whilst the matter was under discussion.)

| <u>Minute</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Person declaring interest</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | Agenda Item 9(c) – Notices of Motion | Councillor Davis (Personal: being a Governor for the School) Councillor Cockburn (Personal: on the grounds of being a parent of a pupil at the School). Councillor Kinson (Personal: on the grounds of being a Governor for the School). |

913. COMMON SEAL

It was

RESOLVED that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 6.55 pm)

CHAIRMAN