

Michael Doody

Chairman of the Council

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 29 October 2003 at 6.00 pm.

Declarations of Interest

Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. In the event of an interest being prejudicial, members are reminded that they must withdraw from the room or chamber whenever it becomes apparent that the matter is being considered, unless a dispensation has been obtained from Standards Committee. **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.**

Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2003 as set out on pages 268 to 274.

3. **Communication and Announcements**

4. **Memorials and Petitions**

5. **Questions Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 7(2)**

(A) From Councillor M Ashford

“In light of the Housing Waiting List, could I ask, therefore, whether we will be looking at re-visiting the Empty Homes Strategy that this Council employed for a while as a way of bringing empty properties back into use and utilising them for re-housing vulnerable and needy families?”

6. Reports of Committees

To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9 September 2003	275-279
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9 September 2003	280-283
Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee	9 September 2003	284-286
Audit and Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	11 September 2003	295-297
Executive	15 September 2003	298-312
Employment Committee	16 September 2003	313-316
Regulatory Committee	17 September 2003	317-320
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Standards Committee (including Appendix B)	23 September 2003	328-336
Regulatory Committee	2 October 2003	347-349
Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7 October 2003	350-352
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7 October 2003	353-356
Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7 October 2003	357-360
Members/Trades Unions Joint Consultation & Safety Panel	8 October 2003	361-362
Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8 October 2003	363-367
Executive	13 October 2003	368-377
Employment Committee	14 October 2003	378-379
Planning Committee (including Appendix A)	10 September 2003	287-294

7. Notices of Motion

(A) Councillor M J Kinson to move:-

- “(1) That this Council notes the proposed European Constitution being prepared by the European Convention will have huge implications for Warwick District Council. The Constitution will give the European Union ‘shared competence’ over home affairs, transport, energy, social policy, economic and social cohesion, consumer protection and the environment, meaning overall more legislation and guidance binding on local government will be decided at a European rather a national level.
- (2) That given the Government has used referendums to approve other constitutional change affecting local and national government, including establishing regional assemblies and directly elected mayors, this Council believes that the people of the Warwick District Council area should be able to have their say on these constitutional changes in a referendum.
- (3) This Council therefore resolves to make a formal written submission to the Prime Minister, supporting calls for a national referendum on the proposed European Constitution.”

(B) Councillor Mrs Begg to move:-

“The present method of funding local government services does not give adequate levels of grant to Warwick District Council. The present system also exaggerates the impact of grant shortfall on Council Tax payers who have to make up the difference. A 1% shortfall in government grant requires a 4% increase in Council Tax or equivalent cuts in services.

In order to be fairer to Council Tax payers this Council:-

- (1) Calls on the Government to change the balance of funding local services so that the shortfall in Central Government does not result in disproportionate rises in local Council Tax.
- (2) Calls on the Government to replace Council Tax with a fair tax related to ability to pay.
- (3) Calls on our local M.P.s to urge the Government to make these changes at the earliest opportunity.”

8. 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.

Chief Executive