
Council meeting: Wednesday, 23 February 2022

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick, on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at **6.00pm**.

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 disclosed 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 held on:

- (a) 17 November 2021; and
- (b) 13 December 2021

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(Pages 1 to 4)

4. Communications and Announcements

5. Petitions

6. Notices of Motion

- (a) To consider a motion from Councillor Milton, that reads as follows:
This Council acknowledges the importance of active travel in creating a healthy community and in positively contributing to our climate change goals. We welcome the recent changes implemented by the UK Government in the new Highway Code to make roads safer for all road users, especially vulnerable ones.

But we also believe that the pace of real change is too slow.

We therefore resolve to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Transport asking that a large scale communications campaign is undertaken to inform people of the recent

changes to the Highway Code to embed good practice and realise the potential benefits.

- Write to the Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council to:
 - request an update on the much delayed Kenilworth to Leamington Cycle route and to request an acceleration in progress and;
 - encourage WCC to move away from a risk-based 'predict and provide' approach to one of 'vision and validate' that actively promotes the hierarchy of road users and a shift to active travel
- Write to the Chief Constable of Warwickshire asking that the Force implements 'Operation close pass' in our district to further educate road users and to make the road environment safer for all users.

(b) to consider a motion from Councillors R Dickson and P Kohler that reads as follows:

- a) the original plans for the NUCKLE line dual track service by the Department for Transport and Warwickshire County Council were promoted as a vital part of our local infrastructure, critical to the success of local businesses and the tourist economy. At a cost of £13.6 million its aim was to provide a half-hourly link for residents, businesses and visitors to the district with mainline services northwards to Birmingham and beyond and southwards to Oxford, London and the south coast;
- b) these plans became even more important when this Council set its 2030 net zero carbon emissions target as part of its response to the Climate Change Emergency. This requires a modal change in transport usage to more sustainable forms of travel; and
- c) since it started operating, the NUCKLE line service has proved to be an expensive white elephant and has failed to deliver. Frequent cancellation and suspension of services has meant residents and visitors don't trust the service's reliability and make little use of it.

This Council will therefore:

1. write to West Midlands Trains to welcome its recent announcement to restart the hourly service on the NUCKLE line on 27th February and to stress the importance of the reliability of the service to the communities it serves, and
2. write to the Department for Transport to call on the Secretary of State to bring forward with other regional stakeholders the investment required by the earlier promises to upgrade the Leamington-Coventry line from a single to a dual track so that the route becomes a vital part of the infrastructure by which this Council can achieve its Climate Change objectives and also encourages mainline train services to stop at Kenilworth station.

7. Leader and Portfolio Holders' Statements

8. Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders

9. Setting of the Council Tax 2022/23

To consider:

- (a) the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 February 2022 in Minute 100; and **(To follow)**
- (b) the report of the Responsible Financial Officer. **(To follow)**

10. Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022/23

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 February 2022 in Minute 101. **(To follow)**

11. Cabinet Report

To consider an excerpt from the Cabinet meeting of 11 February 2022. **(To follow)**

12. Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee

To consider the report from Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on 9 February 2022. **(Page 1 to 2)**

12. Employment Committee

To consider the report from Employment Committee on 16 February 2022. **(To follow)**

12. Standards Committee

To consider the report from Standards Committee on 17 February 2022. **(To follow)**

13. Amendments to the Constitution

To consider the request from Cabinet to update the Constitution to include the following delegations to officers given by Cabinet, at its meeting on 10 February 2022, as Executive Functions:

- (1) the Head of Finance, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be authorised to determine all future applications for grant funding in line with the RUCIS Grants Scheme Criteria,
- (2) the Head of Housing Services, in consultation with the Homes Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make minor changes to the policy that are required to ensure it remains in line with best practice, Government Guidance and delivers clarity and consistency across the policy;
- (3) Head of Housing Services, in consultation with the Homes Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder, be authorised to agree discretionary payments and discretionary compensation in respect of decant activities

14. Police & Crime Panel Representative Feedback

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Davison, on the actions of the Police and Crime Commissioner to combat violence against women and girls. This follows the request from Council at its meeting in November 2021 for this issue to be raised at the Police & Crime Panel.

16. 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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