

## **Michael Doody**

Chairman of the Council

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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, 26 February 2004 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 Annual Meeting of the Council held on 7 January 2004 as set out on pages 528 to 533.

3. **Communication and Announcements**

4. **Public Submissions**

To receive any submissions from members of the public.

5. **Memorials and Petitions**

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

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

“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?”

7. **Reports of Committees**

To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee	13 January 2004	547-552
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	13 January 2004	553-560
Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee	13 January 2004	561-564
Members/Trade Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel	14 January 2004	565-566
Standards Committee	14 January 2004	567-572
Regulatory Committee (including Appendix B)	15 January 2004	573-580
Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15 January 2004	581-584
Executive	19 January 2004	585-601
Regulatory Committee	28 January 2004	612-613
Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2004	614-618
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2004	619-622

Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2004	623-626
Employment Committee	4 February 2004	627-629
Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 February 2004	630-633
Executive	9 February 2004	634-653
Planning Committee (including Appendix A)	6 January 2004	534-546
Planning Committee (including Appendix C)	26 January 2004	602-611

8. **Setting of the Council Tax 2004/5**

To consider the report of the Responsible Financial Officer. (ENCLOSED)

9. **Notices of Motion**

(A) Councillor R W Smith to move

“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.”

(B) Councillor Mrs M A Begg to move

"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."

(C) Councillor M Kinson to move

“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.

The Council notes that that location of the mast is only 25 metres from classrooms used by 11-13 year old girls. This is a sensitive location as recognised in the Stewart Report which recommends that the beam of greatest intensity should not fall on any part of the school grounds or buildings without agreement from the school and parents.

The Warwickshire County Council has banned the placement of telecom masts on any of its buildings and this Council has done the same in relation to its Housing properties.

In the light of the above, the Council urges Crown Castle and Hutchinson 3G to cease operation of the mast at the earliest possible date, to remove it and to seek alternative locations.

The Council also urges the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Local Government Association to request the urgent need for further research into the possible health risks associated with mobile telephone base stations and clarification of guidance in relation to dealing with perceived health concerns during consideration of planning applications for such installations, particularly in respect of the Stewart Report recommendations on schools.”

10. **Regulatory Committee**

To consider the appointment of Councillor M Doody as a member of the Regulatory Committee in succession to Councillor P Offer and to make the necessary adjustment to the list of substitute members for the Conservative Group.

11. **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