

Warwick District Council
19 January 2011
Questions for Portfolio Holders

Question to Councillor Michael Doody –Strategic Leadership Portfolio Holder

Is it now time to discontinue the Joint Working Party that was set up with Stratford District Council looking at shared services and for members and officers to concentrate on dealing with how Warwick District will deliver services in light of the reduction in the Revenue Support Grant over the next four years?

In asking this question, I would like to add that I am not against shared services in principle, but only when appropriate and with the best partner.

Question to Councillor John Hammon, Portfolio Holder for Development Services

In August 2010, the Executive agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Development Portfolio Holder to confirm WDC's acceptance of the proposed expression of interest for a Coventry and Warwickshire Enterprise Partnership for submission to the Government and a further report would be received when the outcome of the expression of interest is known.

Can the Portfolio Holder please up date members on the outcome and how he believes this partnership will benefit Warwick District?

Question to Councillor Les Caborn – Portfolio Holder for Customer & Information Services

The outcome of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review has already impacted the Citizens Advice Bureau, resulting in staff redundancies. The full impact on residents has not been felt yet, but undoubtedly the Bureau's workload will steadily increase.

Discussions between the Council and the CAB have been taking place for some time now about relocating CAB from Hamilton Terrace to the Town Hall. Given the current economic climate, the demand on CAB's services and that 13 years remain of a 25 year lease, will the Portfolio Holder accept that now is not the time for relocation, and instead honour the lease between the Council and CAB?