

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 October 2004 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cockburn, Evans, Mrs Goode, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland and Shilton.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tamlin (Portfolio Holder for Economic Services)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Guest (Chairman) and Councillor Ms Flanagan (Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services).

(Councillor Hammon substituted for Councillor Mrs Edwards but was not present at the meeting)

431. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

RESOLVED that Councillor Cockburn be elected Chairman for the meeting.

432. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute Number 4 - Tourism

Councillor Bill Evans declared a personal interest because he was a board member of South Warwickshire Tourism Ltd. He declared this as the item was being discussed when it became apparent that South Warwickshire Tourism was involved.

433. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

434. TOURISM

The Committee received a verbal report from the Strategic Director (Customer Information & Advice) who updated the Committee on the situation regarding the scrutiny of tourism.

He outlined the difficulties which had been encountered when trying to arrange meetings with Stratford District Council and reported that the Warwick District members would be meeting alone in order to move forward with the project.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and a further report submitted to the December meeting.

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435. EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2004

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Wednesday 15 September 2004, which came within the remit of this Committee were submitted for information and scrutiny.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

436. WORK PROGRAMME 2004/2005

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director on the work programme for 2004/2005.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to monitor continually its work programme so that it could make changes as necessary which would help to evaluate its work. The currently agreed programme was attached as an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED that the work programme for 2004/2005 be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) report on tourism being reported to the meeting in December 2004;
- (2) the report on Warwick Market Place being reported in the New Year; and
- (3) the name of Councillor Davis be substituted for the name of Councillor Davies on the review team for the "Future of the Mop".

437. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 25 October 2004 which came within their remit.

As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda item No. 4 – Fees and Charges

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda item No. 7 – Financial Monitoring 2004/2005 (to August 2004)

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

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Agenda Item No. 11 – Catering Contracts and Management Arrangements for the Assembly Rooms, Restaurant in the Park and Aviary

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report subject to the Working Party approving the report on 20 October 2004.

438. PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraphs 8 & 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

439. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the item which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 25 October 2004 which came within their remit.

As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item No. 17 – Catering Contracts and Management Arrangements for the Assembly Rooms, Restaurant in the Park and Aviary

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report subject to the Working Party approving the report on 20 October 2004.

(The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.)