

**Mrs Clare Sawdon**  
Chairman of the Council

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**Council meeting: Wednesday, 28 January 2015**

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 28 January 2015 at 6.05pm.

**Emergency Procedure**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman will announce the emergency procedure for the Town Hall.

**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 entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared 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 on 19 November 2014 as set out on pages 1 to 7.

4. **Communications and Announcements**

Including presentation of awards to the winners, from the District, at the recent Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sports Awards Evening.



5. **Public Interest Debate**

6. **Petitions**

7. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the Notice of Motion from Councillor Weber:

*"That this Council asks officers to investigate and report to the Executive on the potential of pursuing with the Secretary of State a Regulation 7 Direction of 2007 Town and Country Planning Act.*

*Over the past few years a large number of student 'to let' signs have been appearing across Leamington Spa during late October, November and December. In some locations their concentration is such as to disfigure the street scene.*

*It appears that the signs do not relate to current vacancies and are very unlikely to be useful for prospective tenants as students in particular use web-based adverts and university networks in looking for accommodation. The signs are unsightly and reflect a lack of sensitivity by landlords and agents towards the heritage of our town.*

*The case for control is made on the following grounds: the need to reduce street clutter, the effect these signs have in defining an area as 'student' so that they contribute to further 'studentification' and impact on the housing market, and the danger that signs may alert criminals to the location of student properties and expose all residents to burglary.*

*A number of Local Authorities with large student populations have sought or obtained permission to control letting signs with a Regulation 7 Direction. They include the period of display, the number, the design and the impact on the urban environment.*

*The Council would expect the report from officers to include details of known Regulation 7 Directions in England, the benefits these have brought and the potential for introduction into Warwick District."*

8. **Public Submissions**

9. **Questions to Committee Chairmen**

10. **Questions to Portfolio Holders**

11. **Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

12. **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

13. **Local Plan Submission Draft**

To consider the report from Development Services **(Item 13)**

14. **Reports of the Executive**

To receive the reports of the Executive meetings of:

- 5 November 2014 **(Item 14/Pages 1 to 23)**
- 3 December 2014 **(Item 14/Pages 24 to 44)**
- 14 January 2015 (excerpt part 1 items) **(To follow)**

15. **Councillor Copping**

The Council considered a request to provide dispensation for Councillor Copping not to attend meetings due to personal circumstances due to his ill health.

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 stated that:

*"if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Authority".*

It has been brought to Council as a mark of respect for the service Councillor Copping has provided to this Council.

Councillor Copping last attended a meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 30 September 2014 and therefore does not have to attend a meeting until 30 March 2015. However this dispensation would provide him and his family with reassurance at this difficult time.

16. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the relevant paragraph(s), as set out in the item, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

17. **Strategic Opportunity Proposal**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive **(Item 17/Pages 1 to 22)**

18. **Confidential Reports of the Executive**

To receive the reports of the Executive meetings of:

- 5 November 2014 **(Item 18/Pages 1 to 4)**
- 3 December 2014 **(Item 18/Pages 5 to 9)**

19. **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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