

# EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2007 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.45 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ashford, Copping, Mrs Falp, Guest, Mrs Hodgetts, Kinson, Kundi, Mrs Sawdon and Vincett.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doody, Sandhar and Shilton

## 823. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, nominations for a Chairman for the meeting were sought.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Kinson be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

## 824. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### Minute Number 827 – Executive Agenda – Non Confidential Items and Reports

Councillor Copping declared a personal interest in Executive Agenda Item Number 5, Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Bill, because he was a member of the Warwickshire PPIH Forum of Warwickshire PCT

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest in Executive Agenda Item Number 16, Warwick District Play Strategy, because she was Chair of the Governors for Whitnash Primary School.

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest in Executive Agenda Item Number 20, Outline Business Case for Leamington One Stop Shop, because she was an employee of Warwickshire County Council library service.

## 825. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 5 December 2006 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 826. EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2006

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on Monday 11 December 2006 were noted.

## 827. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 12 February 2007.

## **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)**

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

### **Agenda Item Number 4 - Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Bill**

The Committee noted the report and its preferred leadership model was to maintain the status quo with a leader elected by fellow Councillors with a four year mandate.

### **Agenda Item Number 5 – Budget 2007/2008 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital**

The Committee noted the recommendations in the report, but made no comments.

### **Agenda Item Number 6 – 2007/08 Portfolio Holder Statement, Service Area Plan Targets and Best Value Performance Plan**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### **Agenda Item Number 7 - Housing Rents and Housing Revenue Account 2007/2008**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### **Agenda Item Number 8 - Heating, Lighting and Water Charges to Council Tenants**

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### **Agenda Item Number 9 - Housing Revenue Account Self Financing Business Plan**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### **Agenda Item Number 10 - Treasury Management Strategy Plan for 2007/2008**

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### **Agenda Item Number 11 - Major Contracts Renewal – Determine the Procurement Strategy**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report. However, they debated at length the merits of including a break clause in the contract and having some flexibility within the contract if circumstances changed once the contract had started. At the conclusion of the debate, 6 Members were in favour of this proposal, 1 was against and 2 abstained.

### **Agenda Item Number 12 - Supporting People Governance Arrangements**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

## **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)**

### Agenda Item Number 13 - Warwick District Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership – Proposed Merger with Stratford CDRP (Governance arrangements)

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 14 - Warwickshire Local Area Agreement – Final Draft

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 15 - Rural Initiatives Scheme Application

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 16 - Warwick District Play Strategy

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(A) - Disposal of Council Owned Land for the Provision of Affordable Housing

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(B) - Variation of Undertaking – Three Rear North-West Facing Basement Rooms, Milverton Hill, 11 Beauchamp Hill, Leamington Spa

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(C) - Variation of Closing Order – Front Basement Room, 18 Willes Road, Leamington Spa

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(D) - Variation of Closing Order – Front Basement Room, 35 Chandos Street, Leamington Spa

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(E) - Corporate Improvement Plan Monitoring

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(F) - Building Work to Council Dwellings

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(G) - Warwick Renaissance Project

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

## **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)**

### Agenda Item Number 17(H) - Agreement for Continued Management of Royal Priors Car Park

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 17(I) - Fees & Charges for Markets

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

## **828. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items, by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

## **829. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

The Committee considered the following confidential items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday 12 February 2007.

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

### Agenda Item Number 20 - Outline Business Case for Leamington One Stop Shop

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 21 - Use of Part of Westgate Car Park Warwick for the Creation of Bus Terminus

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, however some members were concerned about the loss of car parking spaces in Warwick and the health and safety issues with regard to school children being dropped off in the car park which was now to become a bus terminus. At the conclusion of the debate, 3 Members were in favour of this proposal, 2 were against and 2 abstained.

### Agenda Item Number 22 - Tender Process for Covent Garden Car Park and Pay on Foot System

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item Number 23 - Select Tender List – Integrated Waste Management Contract

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

## **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)**

### Agenda Item Number 24 - Land Charges

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.25 pm)

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