

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 2 September 2008

Friday 22 August 2008

A meeting of the above Committee will be held in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, on Tuesday 2 September 2008 at 6.00pm

Membership:

Councillor Gifford (Chair)

Councillor J Barrott	Councillor Mrs S Gallagher
Councillor A Boad	Councillor B Gill
Councillor M Britland	Councillor Mrs E Higgins
Councillor M Coker	Councillor Mrs C Sawdon
Councillor R Copping	Councillor Mrs Scarrott
Councillor R Davies	Councillor Weed
Councillor C De-Lara-Bond	Vacancy (Independent)

Emergency Procedure

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

Declarations of Interests

Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared at item 2 below. 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. **Substitute Members**

To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Chief Executive, together with the name of the Councillor for whom they are acting.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Members to declare the existence and nature of personal and prejudicial interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

*3. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2008.

(Previously circulated)

*4. **Executive Agenda (Non Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 3 September 2008**

To consider the non-confidential items on the Executive agenda which fall within the remit of this Committee. The only items to be considered are those which Committee Services have received notice of by 9.00am on the day of the meeting.

You are requested to bring your copy of that agenda to this meeting.

(Circulated separately)

*5. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving that 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 paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

*6. **Executive Agenda (Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 3 September 2008**

To consider the confidential items on the Executive agenda which fall within the remit of this Committee. The only items to be considered are those which Committee Services have received notice of by 9.00am on the day of the meeting.

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*7. **Call-in – Executive - 23 July 2008**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19, of the Council's Constitution, the following items were called-in by Councillors Boad, Gifford, Mrs Blacklock, Copping and De-Lara-Bond:

Improvement of the District. Reason: the Council faces significant financial pressures in the coming years and that the expenditure of £60,000 from the contingency budget this year is totally inappropriate given the budget risks for this year alone, and also given that there will be no contingency budget for 2009/2010 when the budget pressures are predicted to be getting worse. We believe that in the current financial circumstances it would be more appropriate for the sum of £60,000 (just short of 1% Council Tax) to remain in a contingency budget to protect against enforced cuts not resulting in savings in the required timescale.

Proposed Change to Council Phone Numbers. Reason: moving the Council onto a 'premium' 0845 telephone number for customer contact will disadvantage many people by causing them to be charged at premium rates when contacting their Council. Many people operate inclusive calling plans for free telephone calls and many of our less wealthy residents operate pay as you go mobile phones as a cheaper option than the standing charges for a fixed line telephone, both of these options charge premium rates when calling 0845 numbers. It is therefore inappropriate that the Council should be considering moving to a premium 0845 number when options of a free to the customer number would be more appropriate.

The reports submitted to the Executive on 23 July 2008 are attached as appendices 1 and 2 (**Pages 1 & 3**). The Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Resources Scrutiny Committee comments and decisions of the Executive are attached as appendix 3. (**Page 6**)

The options open to the Committee are:

- (1) refer the decisions back to the Executive on 15 October 2008;
- (2) refer the decisions to Council on 8 October 2008; or
- (3) take no further action.

***8. 2008/2009 First Quarter Performance Results**

To consider an Executive report from Organisational Development and Performance Improvement. Please refer to the Executive agenda, item number 6. **You are requested to bring your copy of that agenda to this meeting.**

***9. 2007/2008 Year End Performance Results – Feedback**

- (a) To consider a report from Neighbourhood Services and Councillor Kinson. **(Page 8)**
- (b) To consider a report from Cultural Services and Councillor White. **(Page 11)**

***10. Scoping Document**

To consider the attached scoping document:

- (A) Golf Working Party. **(Page 16)**

***11. Bowls England – Future Partnership with Warwick District Council**

To consider a report from Cultural Services and Councillor Chris White. **(Page 22)**

***12. Forward Plan – September to December 2008**

To consider any items in the Forward Plan from September to December 2008, which the Committee may want to include in their work programme. **(Page 25)**

***13. Comments from the Executive**

To consider a report from Members' Services. **(Page 32)**

***14. Review of the Work Programme**

To consider a report from Members' Services.

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***15. Scrutiny Training**

There is scrutiny training session called **The Scrutiny Role of Councillors** being held for all Councillors on Monday 15 September 2008, at the Town Hall, Leamington Spa from 5pm to 8pm.

Please advise Committee Services if you would like to attend.

(*Denotes those items upon which decisions will be made under delegated powers, as previously granted by the Council).

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