

Council meeting: Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 26 June 2019 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 held on 15 May 2019.

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4. **Communications and Announcements**
5. **Petitions**
6. **Notices of Motion**

- (a) Councillor Cullinan to propose, Councillor Weber to second the following Motion.

That the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have warned that we have 12 years to make the necessary changes to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C.

Failure to act will see a marked increase in sea levels and flooding, extreme and abrupt changes to weather patterns, crop failures, extinctions of plant, insect and animal species and global economic disruption and crisis. The significantly high levels of atmospheric pollution experienced locally highlight why this is such an important issue for Warwick District Council to respond to.

At the Global Climate Talks in Poland last December the UK along with over 200 nations agreed action on climate change with a much greater role strongly implied for local and regional authorities like Warwick District Council in assisting governments to achieve their carbon emission savings.

This Council therefore, Declares a Climate Emergency; and

- (1) requests that the Executive set up a Warwick District Climate Task & Finish Group to respond to this challenge;
 - (2) requests that the Executive through this Group sets a target and action plan for Warwick District Council to be carbon neutral in collaboration with our County Council partners;
 - (3) resolves to work with Warwickshire County Council, town and parish councils and any other appropriate authorities and organisations on carbon reduction projects to ensure the UK is able to deliver on its climate commitments; and
 - (4) calls on the Government to provide the resources and powers so that Warwick District Council can make its contribution to the UK's Carbon Reduction targets.
- (b) that Councillor Roberts to propose and Councillor Davison to second the following Motion.

That Warwick District Council accepts the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's conclusion that global warming above 1.5°C greatly increases climate change risks such as extreme weather, diseases spreading, species extinction and poverty in Africa and Asia; and that "ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities can support the implementation of ambitious actions implied by limiting global warming to 1.5°C".

This Council declares a 'Climate Emergency' because of the significant and urgent action needed; consequently, Warwick District Council commits to:

- (1) Becoming a net-zero carbon organisation, including contracted out services, by 2025 in terms of scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.
- (2) Building to Passivhaus standards and following the UK Green Building Council framework for net zero carbon buildings by 2025, so that all new Warwick District Council buildings and Council housing will be net zero carbon thereafter.
- (3) Retrofitting all council properties, particularly council houses, using recognised design and construction practices and performance-in-use monitoring to the Energiesprong standard or equivalent by 2030.
- (4) Using all planning means available to ensure that all new houses are as close to zero carbon as is feasible within the current regulations; this includes vigorous performance-in-use testing.

- (5) Requiring all District Council decisions relating to transport to facilitate a 50% reduction in vehicle emissions within the four towns in the district by reducing vehicle use and increasing use of electric vehicles.
- (6) Ensuring that every policy proposal brought to Executive and/ or full Council considers the impact on climate change – both in terms of adaptation and mitigation.
- (7) Facilitating decarbonisation by local businesses, other organisations and residents so that total carbon emissions within Warwick District are as close to zero as possible by 2030.
- (8) Working with other local councils to lobby central government to halve UK carbon emissions from transport and buildings by 2030, including by funding and changing regulation to help address the above points.
- (9) Engaging with and listening to young people including members of the Warwickshire Youth Parliament regarding approaches to tackling the climate emergency.
- (10) Producing within six months an action plan to implement these commitments.

7. **Public Submissions**

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

9. **Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders**

10. **Appointments**

- (1) To consider the following revisions to the Memberships & substitutes of Council Committees:
 - (a) to replace Councillor Mrs Falp as substitute for Standards Committee with Councillor Heath;
 - (b) to appoint Councillor Cullinan to the Licensing & Regulatory Committee;
 - (c) to add Councillor Ashford as a named substitute for Finance & Audit Scrutiny;
 - (d) to add Councillors Moira-Ann Grainger, Pam Redford, Mary Noone, Terry Morris, Liam Bartlett as named substitutes for Employment Committee;
 - (e) to add Councillor John Cooke and Andrew Day as named substitutes for Planning Committee;
 - (f) to add Councillor Wright as a named substitute for Licensing & Regulatory Committee;
 - (g) to add Councillor Redford as a named substitute for Standards Committee.
- (2) To confirm the memberships of Working Parties & Forums as set out at Pages (1 to 4) noting that the Kenilworth Members' Working Group and the Leisure Development Member Working Party have merged into a working party.
- (3) To consider the report on appointments to outside bodies & champions
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11. **Public & 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below.

12. **Confidential Executive Report**

To consider the confidential report of the Executive meeting on 6 June 2019.

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(This report is not for publication)

13. **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.



Chief Executive

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