

10 November 2009

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MEETING PLEASE CONTACT THERESA GOSS ON [01926] 456114.***

1. Emergency Procedure

The Emergency procedure for the Town Hall as announced.

***2. Substitutes**

Councillor Dhillon for Councillor Mrs Mellor

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Sawdon and White.

***3. Declarations of Interest**

Agenda Item Number 9 – (Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 11
November 2009 – Management of Oakley Wood

Councillors Coker and White declared a personal interest because they were members of the Executive when Oakley Wood was purchased.

Agenda Item Number 9 – (Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 11
November 2009 – Expenditure on Tourism Report

Councillor Mrs Blacklock declared a personal and prejudicial interest because she was a Director of SWT and left the room whilst the item was discussed.

***4. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2009 were confirmed.

***5. Comments from the Executive**

Noted

***6. Review of the Work Programme**

Additions to the work programme:

(1) Maintenance of WDC Trees - December 2009

***7. Executive Agenda (Non- Confidential Item and Report) – Wednesday 11 November 2009**

Agenda Item Number 5 – Management of Oakley Wood

The Committee had major concerns that the original business case for the purchase of Oakley wood was deeply flawed. The Committee would like to see closer monitoring of the expenditure and felt the business plan should be reviewed regularly given the nature of the original report. These reviews should also consider how Oakley Wood could be used in the future.

The Committee also had concerns about the capacity of existing specialist staff who would have to take on the additional responsibilities in managing the wood in future.

***8. Public and Press**

The public and press were excluded.

***9. Executive Agenda (Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 11 November 2009**

Agenda Item Number 10 – Expenditure on Tourism

The Committee had many concerns about the report; the main issues being that there was not a Council policy to address tourism, the benefits of tourism to the Council and who should be paying for it needed to be analysed, and was South Warwickshire Tourism the best vehicle for delivering this service?

***10. CCTV Task and Finish Group – Update on the Progressions of Recommendations.**

The Committee noted Councillor Kirton's responses and thanked him for attending the meeting. Members indicated that they would support discussions with the Warwickshire Police regarding additional future funding.

***11. Maintenance of WDC Trees**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.