



Time and Date

6.00 pm on Tuesday 12th July 2005

Place

Council Chamber, Council House, Coventry

Public Business

1 Apologies

2 Minutes - The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21st June 2005 are attached. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 21st June 2005 will be circulated.

3 Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor

4 Petitions

5 Declarations of Interest

6 Question Time

6.1 Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

6.2 Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings

6.3 Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies

6.4 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members on any matter

7 Statement by the Leader of Council (if any)

8 Report for Consideration

Best Value Review: Promoting Coventry

Report of the Head of Corporate Policy (attached)

9 Debates

9.1 To be moved by Councillor Field and seconded by Councillor Basu:

"This Council is concerned about the Government's proposals for City Academies and the current proposal to create Academies to replace Woodway Park, Barrs Hill and Sidney Stringer Schools.

The power to influence the curriculum and the 'ethos' of the school by the sponsor is disproportionate to the contribution made towards the cost of the school.

Of particular concern is the possibility that a sponsor with a strong religious agenda could turn a state school into a religious school, which pupils within the catchment area would have little choice but to attend. This totally contradicts a Parental Choice agenda.

The concept of academies has yet to be proven and the Government's increasing pressure to force local authorities into setting them up is gambling with our children's future.

This Council therefore rejects the proposal to turn Woodway Park, Barrs Hill and Sidney Stringer into City Academies."

9.2 To be moved by Councillor Skipper and seconded by Councillor Duggins:

"This Council welcomes the success of the International Children's Games, and wishes to thank the children and delegation members from the participating cities and towns from across the world.

At the same time the Council recognises that Coventry has enjoyed wonderful publicity over the last few days; recognising the contribution Councillor John Mutton made in persuading the International Children's Games Executive to bring the Games to Coventry; thanks the International Children's Games Committee and impressive number of volunteers for their hard work and sponsors for their generosity."

9.3 To be moved by Councillor Charley and seconded by Councillor Ridge:

"This Council supports the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and in particular the provisions for nuisance parking offences. Council therefore, requests the relevant Cabinet Member to consider a report on how the Council plans to implement and use the new powers."

Private Business

Nil

Note: Member's attention is drawn to Council Procedure Rule 4.1.8

There will be no restriction on the duration of meetings except that if any Council meeting continues for a period of more than 3 hours, there will be a break in proceedings as soon as 3 hours has elapsed since the start of the meeting unless the Council votes unanimously to continue without a break or the Lord Mayor or other person chairing the meetings determines that the remainder of the business of the meeting can be concluded within a reasonable time so as to render a break unnecessary. The break will be for a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes. This provision is intended to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Councillors and employees present at any meeting.

Christopher R. Hinde, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Council House, Coventry
4th July 2005

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