



Time and Date

4.00 pm on Tuesday 18 September 2007

Place

Council Chamber, Council House, Coventry

Public Business

1 Apologies

2 Minutes – of the meetings held on 26 June and 17 July 2007 (attached)

3 Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor

4 Petitions

5 Declarations of Interest

6 Question Time

6.1 Written Questions (Booklet 1) (attached)

(Note: Written answers to questions contained in Booklet 1 will be circulated prior to the meeting).

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

6.3 Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings

6.4 Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies

6.5 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members on any matter

7 Statement by the Leader of the Council (if any)

8 Matters Left for Determination by the City Council/Recommendations for the City Council

8.1 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

From the Standards Committee held on 27 June 2007 (Minute 1, Page 1, Recommendation Booklet 2) (attached)

8.2 Audit Committee – Addition to Terms of Reference

From Scrutiny Board 1 held on 4 July 2007 (Minute 12, Page 10, Recommendation Booklet 2) (attached)

8.3 Appointment of Honorary Recorder for the City of Coventry

From the Cabinet held on 28 August 2007 (Minute 67, Page 15, Recommendation Booklet 2) (attached)

8.4 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Written Questions at Council Meetings

From the Standards Committee held on 5 September 2007 (Minute 9, Page 20, Recommendation Booklet 2) (attached)

8.5 It is anticipated that the following matters will be referred as Recommendations from the Cabinet on 11 September 2007. In order to allow Members the maximum opportunity to acquaint themselves with the proposals, the reports are attached. The relevant minutes will be contained in Booklet 3 (to be circulated).

8.5.1 Adoption of the New Code of Conduct for Councillors

8.5.2 Amendments to the Constitution and Appointments of Proper Officers

8.5.3 The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2007 – 2011

8.5.4 Local Government Finance Formula Grant Distribution Consultation

8.5.5 Discrimination Law Review – Proposals for a Single Equality Bill for Great Britain – Consultation Response

8.5.6 Consultation Paper – "Homes for the Future: More Affordable, More Sustainable"

8.5.7 Simplifying Business Support: A Consultation

9 Debates

9.1 To be moved by Councillor Mrs Dixon and seconded by Councillor Ridley:

"This Council notes with extreme concern recent developments in relation to Health Services within Coventry caused by government mismanagement of our NHS. In particular the unfair parking charges for the disabled at University Hospital and also reports of 200 jobs being cut.

Council also notes that even under the Governments own criteria Coventry may not be receiving its fair share of the cake in relation to NHS funding and calls on the government to end this discrimination against our city and we would also call upon the government to centrally fund the additional costs arising from the PFI regime."

9.2 To be moved by Councillor O'Boyle and seconded by Councillor Duggins:

"This Council recognises the important contribution WATCH plays in Hillfields and the City generally, and commits itself to the necessary financial and officer assistance to enable WATCH to organise and develop a fresh business plan leading to this community group having a long term and sustainable future."

9.3 To be moved by Councillor Nellist and seconded by Councillor Windsor:

"Coventry City Council deplors the £30 million cuts made in this year's budget by University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust, including the plans for up to 375 job cuts and other moves to attack the pay and working conditions of staff, and the recent increases in car parking charges and withdrawal of concessions which act like tax on the sick and their families, and calls for the restoration of those cuts.

This Council recognises that the underlying problem of the health service is the introduction of market methods, of competition and payment by results, and in particular the onerous nature of the Private Finance Initiative contract; we believe that no amount of tinkering with this contract will make the situation better in the long term.

Council therefore calls for the scrapping of the Private Finance Initiative contract at Walsgrave Hospital and the return of the buildings and all services to full ownership and control by the National Health Service which should be fully publicly funded and run in an open, transparent and democratic way."

Private Business

Nil

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

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