



Time and Date

4.00 pm on Tuesday 11 December 2007

Place

Council Chamber, Council House, Coventry

Public Business

1 Apologies

2 Minutes – of the meeting held on 30 October 2007 (attached)

3 Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor

4 Petitions

5 Declarations of Interest

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

6.1 Licensing Act 2003 – Revised Statement of Licensing Policy

From the Cabinet held on 20 November 2007 (Minute 134, Page 1, Recommendation Booklet 1) (attached)

6.2 Whistleblowing Policy

From the Standards Committee held on 28 November 2007 (Minute 21, Page 23, Recommendation Booklet 1) (attached)

6.3 It is anticipated that the following matters will be referred as Recommendations from the Cabinet on 4 December 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 2 (to be circulated).

6.3.1 Review of Members' Allowances

6.3.2 Response to "Have Your Say" Consultation on the Regulations for Local Involvement Networks

6.3.3 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

7 Items for Consideration

7.1 Scrutiny Boards' Annual Report to the City Council 2006/07 (attached)

7.2 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services (attached)

8 Question Time

8.1 Written Questions (Booklet 3) (attached)

(Note: Written answers to questions contained in Booklet 3 will be circulated prior to the meeting)

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

8.3 Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings

8.4 Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies

8.5 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members on any matter

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

10 Debates

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

"This Council instructs officers to bring forward a feasibility study on the elimination of single use plastic carrier bags at retailers in the City and report back to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Housing and Sustainability within six months."

10.2 To be moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Mrs Bigham:

"This Council is saddened by the closure of Henley Green Community Centre and extends its thanks to all the MANDA committee members for their hard work over the past four years.

Community Centres are a vital local resource, providing a hub for activities and events in an area and helping to promote cohesive communities.

We are aware that many community centres struggle financially and we are concerned that others may also be forced to close.

We call on this Council to reconsider the present funding arrangements for community centres and to make funding on a fair and transparent basis".

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

"This Council:

Notes the collapse in June of First Solution Money Transfer, a private limited company which provided money transfer to expatriates seeking to transfer money back to their families in Bangladesh;

Regrets that the importance of the monies of these victims seems to be viewed as less than those of Northern Rock in that no government protection, guarantees or compensation has been provided in this case;

Further regrets that regulation of money transfer businesses like First Solution Money Transfer is not scheduled to take place until 2009; and

Believes that both government nationally and councils locally should allocate more funds to promote community alternatives in financial services, in particular credit unions."

Private Business

Nil

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

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Bev Messinger, Director of Customer and Workforce Services, Council House, Coventry

3 December 2007

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