

# Time and Date

12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st February, 2007 PLEASE NOTE START TIME

### Place

Committee Rooms, Council House, Coventry

## Public Business

- 1 Apologies and Substitutions
- 2 Declarations of Interests
- 3 Consideration of Call ins
  - 3.1 Call ins Stage 2

To consider the following call in from the Members shown. In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, these Members have been invited to attend the meeting for the consideration of their call in and at least one of them must attend the meeting or the call-in will fail.

Cabinet 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2007 (Councillor Arrowsmith)

## **Changes to Car Parking Pricing**

Joint Report (attached)

Called in by Councillors Maton, Batten and Patton

The reason for the call in is, "To understand why the report quotes the CPI Inflation rate in October 2005 as 3.16%, implying that the then increase was less than the inflation rate, when the officially recorded CPI rate was 2.3%. To ask the Cabinet Member why he has recommended the increase in car park charges yet reporting to Council (16<sup>th</sup> Jan) that there was still a need for a sensible formula for assessing an appropriate income target for existing car parks. To understand why the increase in charges is, in many instances, 6 times or more above the level of inflation. To understand why the report gives no financial information about the running costs of running the car parks so that it is not possible to assess the net surplus currently being made on the Council's car park operation. To identify what work was carried out to assess the impact on use of the City Centre for shopping and leisure use as a result of the increases and the reasons why the concerns of CVOne about impacts were dismissed so lightly."

**NOTE:** (i) The Members calling in the decision indicated above have indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member is required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.

(ii) The Members calling in the decisions indicated above have indicated that they wish the matter to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

### 3.2 Call ins - Stage 1

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services will report on any call ins that have been received.

In relation to each call in received:-

- a) to determine whether or not it is appropriate, using the agreed criteria.
- b) if it meets the criteria, to decide which Cabinet Members/officers should attend when the call in is considered.

### 4 Disabled Facilities Grants

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

### 5 Response to a Government Consultation Document entitled "Disabled Facilities Grant Programme: The Government's proposals to improve programme delivery. Consultation."

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

## 6 Oak Farm Play Area, Binley

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

## 7 Charging Strategy

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

#### 8 2006/07 Work Programmes

- 8.1 To give consideration to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's Work Programme for 2006/07 (attached)
- 8.2 To note any changes to the work programmes for Scrutiny Boards (1), (2), (3) and (4).
- 9 Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

#### Private Business

Nil

Christopher R Hinde, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Council House, Coventry Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2007

Notes: 1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Alison Townsend, Council House, Coventry. Telephone 7683 3080, email alison.townsend@coventry.gov.uk.

- 2) Substitutes Council Members who are not able to attend the Meeting should notify Alison Townsend (tel. 7683 3080) as soon as possible and no later than <u>12 noon</u> on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2007, giving their reasons for absence and the name of the Council Member (if any) who will be attending the meeting as their substitute.
- 3) Scrutiny members who have an interest in any report referred to at this meeting, but who are not members of this Committee are invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

**Membership:** Councillors Asif, Bains, Clifford (Co-opted Member), Duggins, Lee, Mutton, Ridge (Deputy Chair), Sawdon (Chair) and Williams

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