

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015

Place

Council Chamber - Council House

1. Apologies**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015** (Pages 5 - 14)**3. Coventry Good Citizen Award**

To be presented by the Lord Mayor and Judge Griffith-Jones, Honorary Recorder

4. Local Democracy Week 2015

(a) Presentation of Illuminated Address to Councillor Hazel Noonan, Lord Mayor for 2014/15.

(b) Lord Mayor's announcements.

5. Petitions**6. Declarations of Interest****Matters Left for Determination by the City Council/Recommendations for the City Council**

It is anticipated that the following matter will be referred as a Recommendation from Cabinet held on 13 October 2015. The report is attached and the relevant Recommendations will be circulated.

7. Devolution and Economic Growth - Scheme for Setting Up a West Midlands Combined Authority (Pages 15 - 166)

Report of the Chief Executive

Items for Consideration**8. Polling District and Polling Place Review** (Pages 167 - 180)

Report of the Executive Director of Resources

9. Appointments of the City Council - Tile Hill Wood School and Language College and Lyng Hall School Governing Bodies (Pages 181 - 184)

Report of the Executive Director of Resources

10. **Question Time** (Pages 185 - 186)

- (a) Written Question – Booklet 1
- (b) Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
- (c) Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings
- (d) Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies
- (e) Oral Questions to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members on any matter

11. **Statement**

12. **Debate - Registering to Vote**

13.1 To be moved by Councillor Blundell and seconded by Councillor Andrews

“Members will be aware that Warwickshire County Council recently considered options on devolution. We know that the County is committed to working with Coventry and it is important that we build on the excellent economic and transport links that we have strengthened over recent years. We in Coventry need to keep all options open to the benefit of our citizens and working with our neighbouring County is one of the key ways in which we can do so.

In addition, this Council condemns the leadership of the controlling Labour Group for concealing from Council members and the Coventry public the ‘secret document’ on the West Midlands Combined Authority as revealed by the Coventry Telegraph. Consequently Council recognises that the so called ‘public debate’ on the issue has been a complete farce.

We would urge the Leader of the Council to engage constructively with Warwickshire County Council, and requests that the Leader:

1. Engages with Warwickshire County Council in recommencing the discussions we had previously and work up the business case for a Coventry & Warwickshire Combined Authority, and;
2. Releases the ‘secret document’ to elected members and to the general public so that the full implications of the West Midlands Combined Authority can be understood;
3. Brings forward, within 10 working days, a detailed report showing what progress has been made on matters as said above.”

14. To be moved by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Lancaster

“Council resolves:

To take every possible step to ensure that as many local residents as possible are registered to vote including, but not limited to, the following:

- Fully analysing the last annual household canvass and comparing the results on a ward by ward basis to the previous year’s canvass.
- Maintaining a database of electors who have confirmed their electoral registration details via the “No Change” method, and using this database to ensure people who have been previously registered but haven’t been re-registered are contacted.
- Using all available council-held databases to ensure that as many electors as possible are data-matched for electoral registration purposes.
- Using all available methods of communication to explain the transition to IER to local residents.
- Prompting local residents with electoral registration reminders at other points of contact with the council, such as when residents apply for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and other council services.
- Liaising with local private sector landlords to ensure electoral registration information is included in tenancy packs and other communications they have with their tenants.
- Having council officers attend citizenship ceremonies and local schools and colleges to encourage newly eligible electors to register to vote at the earliest opportunity.

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Monday, 5 October 2015

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