

**Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at the SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011 at 10.00 am.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. Election of Chair**

To elect a Chair for the ensuing municipal year. The Chair to make a declaration of acceptance of office.

### **2. Election of Vice-Chair**

To elect a Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal year. The Vice-Chair to make a declaration of acceptance of office.

### **3. General**

#### **(1) Apologies for absence.**

#### **(2) Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

*(Forms to be completed by members in respect of individual declarations will be available at the meeting).*

### **(3) Minutes**

To confirm the public minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2011.

### **(4) Chair's Announcements, Correspondence, Petitions.**

#### Petition Regarding Proposed Cuts to the Countryside Access Team

Mr Alan Cumming will present a petition on behalf of the Warwickshire Area Committee of The Ramblers' Association regarding their concerns about the cuts to the Warwickshire County Council Countryside Access Team.

### **4. Constitutional Changes**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Alan Farnell

The enclosed report sets out proposed changes to the Council's Standing Orders and Officer Employment Standing Orders.

### **5. Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies.**

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Alan Farnell.

The enclosed report invites the Council to determine the arrangements for and membership of the Council's committees and other bodies.

### **6. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2010-11**

The report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board is enclosed.

### **7. Motions to Council (Standing Order 5)**

To consider the following motion:

Proposer: Councillor June Tandy  
Seconder: Councillor Julie Jackson

"That this County Council shows and proves its commitment to openness and accountability by fully engaging members of the public in the decision making processes by setting up a facility for them to speak on agenda items at meetings of Cabinet and all other decision making bodies within the County Council and that the Strategic Director, Resources makes the appropriate amendments to the Constitution."

**8. Member Question Time (Standing Order 7).**

Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Area Committees will be invited to respond to any questions from members. A period of up to one hour is allocated for question time. Extension beyond this time is at the discretion of the Chair.

**9. Leader of the Council Question Time.**

The Leader of the Council will respond to any questions from Members.

**10. Any other items of urgent business.**

To consider any other items that the Chair considers are urgent.

**11. Minutes Containing Exempt Information**

To consider passing the following resolution:

“That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the item mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 1972.”

**12. Exempt minutes.**

To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2011.

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Shire Hall,  
Warwick

May 2011

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