



## **THE RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a SPECIAL MEETING of the Rugby Borough Council, which will be held in the TOWN HALL, RUGBY, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007, at 7.00 p.m.

### **A G E N D A**

#### **PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23rd April 2007 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007.
3. Declaration of Interests.

To receive declarations of –

- (a) personal interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;
- (b) prejudicial interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors; and
- (c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – non-payment of Community Charge or Council Tax.

4. Questions pursuant to Standing Order 10.
5. Notices of Motion pursuant to Standing Order 11.

To consider the following motions of which notice has been given under Standing Order 11.

- (a) "This Council believes that with the completion of the West Coast Main Line railway work and the introduction of new timetables scheduled for 2009, rail services to and from Rugby should be at least as good as, and preferably better than those existing before the start of the work in 2004. With recent changes to the West Midlands and East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategies calling for

proposed growth in Rugby by upwards of 50% and similar growth in Northampton and Daventry, the need for Rugby Station to provide regular fast train services to London, Birmingham and the North has never been greater. Better services should also be provided to link to local stations, and to allow Rugby to be used as an interchange station (e.g. for travellers to/from Northampton), allowing passengers to use fast services without the need to travel via Birmingham New Street.

Failure to provide a sustainable rail service to the above locations will be environmentally damaging, and will add to the burden on our already overly congested road system as commuters switch back to their cars because the rail system fails to get them to their destination at the commencement of the working day.

We also have concerns regarding potentially overcrowded trains for passengers who continue to use the service in the proposed new timetabling. We believe health and passenger safety should be a serious factor in such considerations.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Department of Transport, Government Office West Midlands, Network Rail and the train operators to express the Council's belief that the following services should be provided:-

- Rugby to and from London - fast trains - sufficient to cater for demand; being at least one fast train per hour at off-peak times and additional trains at peak hours. The peak time service should be two fast trains per hour, except during the hour between 7 and 8 am when five departures to London are needed in order to ensure adequate seating accommodation for Rugby passengers.
- Rugby to and from North-West - one train per hour linking stations between Rugby and Crewe plus at least 3 trains per day providing a fast service to the North-West and Scotland. The Council supports Warwickshire's Local Transport Plan, which calls for an hourly fast service and an hourly stopping service on this route.
- Rugby to and from Birmingham – Four trains per hour linking Rugby with Coventry, Birmingham Airport/NEC and Birmingham.
- Rugby to Northampton – 3 trains per hour of which at least one, and preferably two should progress onward to Milton Keynes and London.

It is only by providing this level of service that the general travelling public will see benefit of travelling by rail rather than motor vehicle.”

Signed : Cllr N Campbell  
Cllr N Sandison

(b) “The Council reviews its charges for vermin control, particularly in the case of rats.”

Signed: Cllr R Ravenhall  
Cllr C Holman

6. Approval of Accounts for 2006/07 – to receive the report of the Chief Executive.
7. Statement of Internal Control 2006/07 – to receive the report of the Chief Executive.
8. Appointment of Independent Vice Chair for the Audit Committee - to receive the report of the Chief Executive.
9. Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08 – to receive the report of the Chief Executive.

## **PART 2 – EXEMPT INFORMATION**

There is no business involving exempt information to be transacted

DATED THIS 19th day of June 2007.

**Chief Executive**

To: The Mayor and Members of Rugby Borough Council