**ENCLOSURE 5**

**Warwick District Council ('WDC') Report for KTC September 2026 - Cllr Andrew Milton**

| | Issue/Portfolio Holder(s) | Current status |
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| **1** | Arts, Culture & Economy<br><br>Cllr Ella Billiald | • Some significant events have happened in the district over the last few weeks which continue to add to the strong sense of community in our district. These included Art in the Park and Warwickshire Pride. For the second year running the Kenilworth Food Festival took place in Abbey Fields and seems to have been well attended.<br>• The current contract for the provision of markets in the district is due to expire at the end of June 2027. It will go out to tender later this year. Alongside this there will be a review of the existing Market Policy which will be the subject of a cabinet report in September. |
| **2** | Decarbonisation<br><br>Cllr Hema Yellapragada | • Plans have been approved for a new shared use path across Abbey Fields, forming a part of the National Cycle Network route. |
| **3** | Strategic Leadership<br><br>Cllr Ian Davison | • The Joint Cabinet for Stratford (SDC) and Warwick (WDC) District Councils approved the draft South Warwickshire Local Plan on 14th July to go to Reg19 consultation. This was subsequently approved by Council on 15th July. The consultation is open until 8th September. A public consultation event was held in Talisman Square on August 12th.<br>• Now that the government have made their decision on the future of Local Government in Warwickshire it's confirmed that Warwick District will be part of a South Warwickshire Unitary. A project team is now active at WDC headed by Marianne Rolfe and joint steering/advisory committees are being set up. |
| **4** | Resources<br><br>Cllr Jonathan Chilvers | • The 2027/28 is about to commence with the Fees & Charges papers due to come to Cabinet in October. This deals with setting council fees across the district (e.g. car park charges, crematorium fees, planning fees etc). |
| **5** | Housing<br><br>Cllr Jessica Melrose | • A key focus for the Housing team remains the regulatory improvement strategy.<br>• The council are now working exclusively with Homes England to progress the development of the old sixth-form site at Rouncil Lane. They are currently undertaking exploratory and surveying work at the site. Should they not purchase the site, the outputs from this feasibility study will be made available to the council. |
| **6** | Neighbourhood<br><br>Cllr Will Roberts | • The Castle Farm Skatepark project is now being managed by Sally Watts. A survey has been published to gain input from interested parties and the Town Council are supporting with engagement into the Youth Council and the Kenilworth Centre. Weekly updates are planned to commence. A paper is due to be presented to cabinet in October to seek permission to progress to procurement. |

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| **7** | Place<br><br>Cllr Chris King | • Progress on the South Warwickshire Local Plan is covered in the Strategic Leadership section. |
| **8** | Safer, Healthier and Active Communities<br><br>Cllr Jim Sinnott | • Abbey Fields Swimming Pools is open and is enjoying good visitor numbers. Approximately 22,000 visits were made in the first month of opening from around 8,000 individuals<br>• A cabinet paper on the outstanding elements of the project, most notably the refurbishment of the tennis courts is due to go to cabinet in October |
| **9** | People and Organisational Development<br><br>Cllr Becky Davidson | • Appointment process continues to fill identified gaps in workforce amidst a challenging job market.<br>• A training programme continues for all employees handling complaints with the aim of reducing the rise in level 2 complaints |