

# Consultation on Pride in Camp Hill

## July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2018

### ***Why is Warwickshire County Council consulting?***

We are consulting on the proposal to stop funding the dedicated Pride in Camp Hill (Pinch) team, based in the CHESS Centre in Camp Hill. We need to make this saving of £102k, in order to contribute to the overall One Organisation Plan (OOP) savings 2014-18 of £4.4m.

We are seeking the views of local Camp Hill residents & businesses, our partners Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Homes England, Barrat Homes, Lovells, and local stakeholders including local schools, the local Church, and CAVA. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018. Cabinet will make the final decision on whether the proposal will be implemented.

### **More information**

In February 2017 Warwickshire County Council Cabinet agreed the need to make savings, including reviewing support to Pinch.

Pinch is a successful regeneration programme, which started in 1998 and has resulted in a transformed community, with over 800 new homes, a new village centre, new business opportunities and improved road layout. The many awards and accolades it has won from professional organisations over the last 20 years is testament to this. As the housing programme delivers its final phase, the success of the regeneration programme means that there is no longer a need or justification for a dedicated local team.

The work of Pinch has changed significantly over the years. The early years focussed on working extensively and closely with the local community delivering a variety of externally funded programmes to support skills development, training, employment, recreational and environmental improvements, alongside the construction of new homes and businesses. More recently Pinch has supported a smaller range of projects with less community development work. The focus has been on supporting the Pinch Board, developing stewardship arrangements, providing the community its own publication of Camp Hill News and a dedicated web site - [www.prideincamphill.co.uk](http://www.prideincamphill.co.uk), and maintaining support to implement the final housing programme ( 370 homes).

In the absence of a dedicated Pinch team Warwickshire County Council would still continue to support Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to deliver the final housing programme and would still continue to be represented on the Pinch Board, but the remaining activities would cease.

Staff consultation with the four affected staff will run in parallel with the public consultation to seek staff views.

A copy of the Equality Impact Assessment is available on request or on the consultation webpage on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask).

## **BACKGROUND**

Like local authorities up and down the country, Warwickshire County Council continues to face extreme financial challenges. Reductions in Government grants, inflation and demographic pressures mean the Council needs to ensure services are more efficient, integrated and make best possible use of resources. In Feb 2017 WCC approved the OOP up to 2020, which included the Council's savings plan for 2017-20. For the Communities Group this included £4.4m savings made between 2014 and 2018 and a further £15.2m new savings needed up to 2020, a total of £19.6m. Across the Authority Warwickshire County Council has to make £67m savings up to 2020. The Pinch savings proposal is for implementation in 2018/19.

Within the Communities Group, the Infrastructure and Regeneration service, like many across the Authority has reduced over several years with accompanying reduced budgets and a reduction in staff numbers. The focus of the service has shifted to strengthening economic growth by: i) a renewed emphasis on support to town centres and tourism; ii) ensuring County wide infrastructure needs are identified, funding secured and delivered in the right time at the right place; and iii) dealing with major external project impacts, most notably HS2, to secure both mitigation and economic benefits. The continued funding of a dedicated team for Pinch, when resources have been reduced and the Pinch programme now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year moves to final construction phase can no longer be justified.

In 2016 Cabinet considered a report from the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group which examined what Pinch had achieved. Cabinet endorsed the outcome of the review, which recognised the many achievements which Pinch has delivered. Cabinet acknowledged the importance of ensuring Camp Hill's needs are recognised as part of Warwickshire County Council's core services - on Education, Skills, transport, but also recognised that the Pinch team is not central to the delivery of these ongoing services.

## HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE CONSULTATION

**The consultation starts on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> July**

### **To take part:**

- Submit your views online at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask> or;
- Pick up a paper copy of the survey form from the CHESS Building reception desk and return it using the box also provided at the reception or;
- Attend one of the drop in sessions which will be held at the CHESS Building, Camp Hill on:
  - Wed 4th July 3-6pm
  - Wed 11th July 3-6pm
  - Wed 18th July 2-5pm

Alternative formats and languages can also be requested using the contact information provided below.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE CONSULTATION

Once the consultation has closed and the responses considered, a report will be presented to Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018.

The outcome of the Cabinet decision will be published on the consultation online page at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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## **PRIVACY INFORMATION**

The Privacy Notice for the online survey on Ask Warwickshire is available at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/customer-privacy-notice/customer-services/ask-warwickshire>

The council's overall Customer Privacy Notice is available at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy>

### **Personal information collected**

If you submit your response online the IP will be automatically collected but will not be used in any analysis of responses.

Questions for the purpose of equalities monitoring are included. You do not have to give us this information. If you do this data will not be associated with or cross referenced with any other data provided.

### **Who we may share your information with**

Following the end of the survey we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous.

Information you provide in any additional correspondence including personal information, may be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations. If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, including your contact details, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the legislation we cannot always guarantee confidentiality.

Responses will be collected using Citizen Space – the software used to manage our consultations. The providers of this software are Delib. Their privacy policy explains how they collect, safeguard and process your data on behalf of Warwickshire County Council. This is available at <https://www.delib.net/privacy>.

### **How long we will hold your information**

Warwickshire County Council will store the data securely and erase it within four years of the consultation being completed.