

FINANCE & AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2011

ITEM No.	TITLE	REQUESTED BY	COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
4	General Fund Base Estimates revised 2010/11 and original 2011/12	Chair	Members were unhappy with the budget saving proposal to cease provision of free grey sacks to around 6,500 homes, which could result in residents purchasing sacks of lesser quality and ultimately cost the Council more in cleaning up spilt refuse, and suggested that this issue be referred back to the Contract Re-let Working Party.	Referred to a hand out detailing savings that would be made by not issuing grey sacks and the potential gains to be made through encouraging more households to recycle. Thanked F&A for comments.
5	Housing Revenue Account base estimates revised 2010/11 and original 2011/12	Chair	Supported the recommendations in the report.	No comment.
7	Warwick Response Fees and Charges	Chair	Supported the recommendations in the report.	No comment.
9	Discretionary Rate Relief Review	Chair	Supported the recommendations in the report.	No comment.
10	Scoping of High Speed 2 Impacts on Warwick District	Chair	Supported the recommendations, subject to recommendation 2.4 being amended to read: "That Executive agrees to allocate £50,000 towards preparing its response to any forthcoming HS2 consultation and that the amount is included in the 2010/11 Estimates, financed from the capital element of the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant. Authorisation for the use of the £50,000 is delegated to the Head of Development Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Development Services and the District Council Members on the Member Working Group."	Agreed to this amendment, minus "in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Development Services and the District Council Members on the Member Working Group."

12	Proposal for a Joint Independent Members Remuneration Panel with Stratford upon Avon District Council	Cllr Illingworth	Accepted there was a legal requirement to consider this proposal and supported the recommendations in the report.	Thanked the committee for its comments.
14	Systems Thinking – Update and Lessons Learned	Chair	The Committee was keen to see that the programme was not driven by budgetary concerns alone, recognised efforts taken by managers to protect the workforce & supported the recommendations.	Thanked the committee for its comments.
16	South West Warwick (Chase Meadow) Community Centre Development	Chair	The Committee wanted to see the Centre properly utilised by the community, was encouraged by responses given to Members’ questions by Rev Brown and supported the recommendations. Discussed potential scenarios should the project fail to secure the funds required for the development to progress. Asked Officers to look into whether sports facilities could be made available to the Council.	Thanked the committee for its comments.
17	Delivering Sustainable Development – Consultation Documents	Chair	Expressed some concern over a lack of government funding for the services to support sustainable development, many of which were outside of the Council’s jurisdiction, but supported the recommendations.	Thanked the committee for its comments.
21	Spencer Yard Update	Chair	Supported the recommendations in the report.	Thanked the committee for its support.