

Appendix 1

End of Term Summary for Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Warwick District Council since May 2010

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date	Items Considered	Action
May 2010	<p>The new Overview and Scrutiny Committee appointed by Council.</p> <p>Councillor Call for Action</p> <p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the Work Programme</p>	<p>Councillor Gifford was appointed as Chair for the municipal year.</p> <p>The guidance note on the Councillor Call for Action (Appendix 1) was adopted and included as an annex to the Constitution. The Committee also recommended to Council that Article 6 of the Constitution was amended to include reference to Councillor Call for Action and that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee procedure rules were amended to include CCFA within the order of business (as set out in the draft Constitution included in the Executive agenda for 25 May 2010).</p> <p>Officers were asked provide the Committee with further clarification regarding the RSS being abolished as soon as the implications to the Core Strategy became clear.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee asked for a report regarding the structure of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and its work plan and a report regarding RSL's: Joint commissioning of affordable housing to be submitted to the Committee in September 2010. The Committee also asked for a report regarding the creation of a</p>

		Volunteering Policy to be submitted to the Committee in October 2010 and a report regarding the contact information for Registered Social Landlords operating within the District would be submitted to the Committee in June 2010. Changes were made to the membership of the Discretionary Travel Scheme Task and Finish Group.
June 2010	<p>Contracts for Registered Social Landlords operating within the District</p> <p>Engaging Young People</p> <p>2009/2010 Year End Performance Report</p> <p>Forward Plan</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report and thanked Lydia Wailoo for producing the report and contact information that had been sent out to all Councillors.</p> <p>The report was deferred until the Committees meeting in July and a presentation would also be given.</p> <p>The Committee felt that some of the results in the report were unsatisfactory and that those that were meeting targets were slowly slipping. The Committee asked for assurance from the Executive that these would not keep slipping and eventually start missing their targets. The Committee were also of the opinion that the Council should consider other ways of collecting the data as the method that was used may not have been representative of the District and therefore would not provide meaningful data.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report but had some concerns over the items that still had dates to be confirmed and the time they were taking to be submitted to Executive. The Deputy Chief Executive (BH) explained that some of these items were linked with the Core Strategy and therefore could not be</p>

	<p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the Work Programme</p>	<p>completed until issues surrounding this had been resolved.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and were pleased the Executive had taken their comments on board and that positive responses were being received at each meeting.</p> <p>The Committee asked for a report on the number of outside appointments to be submitted to the meeting in September 2010 and the report regarding Engaging Young People to be deferred until the meeting in July 2010.</p>
July 2010	<p>Update on Implementation on the 'Hear By Rights' Standard – Engaging Young People.</p> <p>Forward Plan</p>	<p>The Committee agreed that structures that had been established to ensure effective engagement with young people should be noted. The Committee also noted the progress made for achieving the 'hear by rights' Standard but further clarification on the work to date was needed and so they invited Bernadette Allen to attend the meeting to update members and answer any queries they had. The Committee asked that Warwick Area Youth Forum be invited to future meetings with the possibility of incorporating this with Local Democracy Week.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and Members agreed that it would be helpful if the Forward Plan could include a narrative relating to the reasons why a report was delayed in addition to the current reason code. The Committee Services Officer agreed to work on this redesign.</p>

	<p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the Work Programme</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee asked that the Performance Report be removed from the workplan and a report on 'Celebrating 2012' be added to August 2010.</p>
August 2010	<p>Update on the Implementation of the 'Hear by Rights' Standard – Engaging Young People</p> <p>Plans to Celebrate London 2012 in Warwick District</p> <p>Maintenance of Tree's Progress Report</p>	<p>The Committee asked the Policy and Projects Officer to approach the Warwick Area Youth Forum to see if they would like to invite members of the Committee to attend one of their Forum meetings, to discuss how WDC could better engage young people. The Committee also asked for a report to be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee to discuss the outcome of the approach made to the Youth Forum.</p> <p>The Committee resolved that a request to the Executive for funding to support the programme of activities be agreed, but requested that officers considered amending the report to focus funding on organisations that could be encouraged to offer taster sessions to create ongoing participation with members of the public, rather than for branding or giving money to established clubs.</p> <p>The Committee asked for another update to be given to the Committee in November 2010. The Committee also noted that WCC had confirmed their membership of the joint member Working Group and the first 'Tree Maintenance and Planting Strategy' and also that the need to ensure that any additional funding identified for highway trees needed to be guaranteed by WCC to</p>

	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the Work Programme</p>	<p>cover the period of the contract and to be index linked.</p> <p>The Committee also agreed that following the meeting on 8 September 2010, a report be submitted to the Committee identifying what plans were then put in place to develop the tree maintenance and planting strategy. They asked that a Technical Tree Officer be invited to attend the meetings of the Tree Maintenance and Planting Strategy Group. The Committee requested that any additional funding required from WDC to deliver tree maintenance or planting identified by the Tree Maintenance and Planting Strategy Group also be considered by the WDC Working Group responsible for the re-let of the grounds maintenance contract.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and asked that the officers responsible for the Core Strategy report and the Portfolio Holder, Councillor John Hammon, be asked to attend the September 2010 meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and agreed that it was encouraging that the Executive were responding more fully to the Committees' comments.</p> <p>The Committee asked that the Portfolio Holder responsible for the Core Strategy, be invited to attend the September 2010 meeting. They agreed that another Maintenance of Tree's Progress Report should be submitted to their November 2010 meeting and also an update on the Implementation of the 'Hear by Rights' Standard - Engaging Young People be submitted to the Committee in October 2010.</p>
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September 2010	<p>Core Strategy</p> <p>Outside Appointments Report</p> <p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the work programme</p>	<p>The Committee asked for two comments to be passed onto the Executive. The Committee agreed that there was a need to consult with all sections of the communities within Warwick District and also that a debate should be held between Councillors to decide on the best approach on engaging and consulting with communities.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Members Development Group should be asked to consider outside appointments and make recommendations to Group Leaders.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee asked that a date be included on the Committees work plan for the report on Registered Social Landlords to be submitted to Committee.</p>
October 2010	<p>Discretionary Travel Scheme</p> <p>Call-In Executive – 29 September 2010</p>	<p>The Committee agreed that the Task and Finish Group should reconsider their report, taking into consideration the requests of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that two recommendations in the report should have no further action, however they agreed recommendation 2.3 in the report should be referred to Executive on 24 November 2010 pending a wider examination of discretionary payments as part of the 2011/12 budget setting process, with specific consideration given to investigation of an alternative</p>

		the Committee, on their progress and any issues requiring scrutiny input at the next meeting.
November 2010	<p>Housing Strategy Themes</p> <p>Maintenance of Tree's Progress Report</p> <p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the work programme</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>This report was deferred because there was no further information to update Members.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Task and Finish Group report for Discretionary Travel Scheme would be submitted to the Committee in December, Councillor Wilkinson's verbal feedback report on Economic Development Strategy and the Potential Regeneration projects in Old Town would be deferred until the Committee's meeting in January 2011, a report outlining the Benefit Appeals Process be brought to the Committee's meeting in February 2011 and an update report from Housing and Property Services regarding their measures would be brought to the Committees meeting in March.</p>
5 January 2011	<p>Scrutiny of Partnerships</p> <p>Creation of Volunteering Policy</p>	<p>The Committee agreed that the partnership arrangements in place for the Town centres of Leamington Spa, Kenilworth and Warwick should be noted.</p> <p>The Committee received a verbal update from the Deputy Chief Executive (BH) regarding the progress of</p>

	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Comments from the Executive</p> <p>Review of the Work Programme</p>	<p>the Creation of Volunteering report. He told the Committee what the report would be based on and that it may not be ready until the February meeting.</p> <p>The Committee noted the forward plan but felt that the columns were still not being filled in adequately, however there had been an improvement since the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the verbal feedback from Councillor Wilkinson on economic development and the Discretionary Travel Scheme Report should both be submitted to the Committee in January 2011 and that the Creation of a Volunteering Policy be submitted to the February 2011 meeting.</p>
25 January 2011	<p>Discretionary Travel Scheme</p> <p>Economic Development Strategy</p> <p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Comments from the Executive</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report and asked that the Executive considers the Task and Finish Group's report and additional recommendations put forward by the Committee. These recommendations were funding for two Felxibus routes and funding to be given for advertising up to the value of £1500.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Economic Development & Regeneration team should be thanked for helping to bring new businesses to the District.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Forward Plan.</p>

	Review of the Work Programme	The Committee approved the report.
February 2011	Development of Volunteering Policy	The Committee agreed that the specific issues to be addressed in any future policy were to include any financial implications, ways to encourage volunteering, how to avoid discouraging volunteering and to identify what work could be carried out with other authorities and organisations. They also asked for a Task and Finish Group be established and a scoping document submitted to the Committee's meeting on 29 March 2011, but that the membership of the Task and Finish group would not be finalised until after the election in May 2011 and the new Committee has been established.
	Benefit Appeals Process	The Committee noted the report.
	Forward Plan	The Committee noted the Forward Plan.
	Comments from the Executive	The Committee noted the report.
	Review of the Work Programme	The Committee requested that a report for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder be submitted to the Committee on 29 March 2011.
1 March 2011	Progress Update report on the Service Improvement Plan	The Committee noted the report.
	Forward Plan	The Committee noted the Forward Plan.

	Comments from the Executive	The Committee noted the report.
	Review of the Work Programme	The Committee noted the report.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Executive Items Considered

Date	Items Considered	Action
May 2010	Amendments to Constitution	Some members of the Committee were unhappy with the gender specific term 'Chairman' being used within the Constitution and asked that the Executive consider this when making their recommendations to Council.
	Response to Joint Sub-Regional Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan 2011 – 2026	The Committee felt that some important routes and means of transport had not been mentioned in the response including the implementation of walking routes, the planning of coherent cycle routes within the towns though not necessarily entirely by dedicated cycle paths to make them easier and more appealing for normal use, the use of rapid transport and linking a variety of transport routes from larger settlements in the district to the main Towns in particular the cycle route from Kenilworth to Leamington.
	Response to Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Properties Affected by the Proposed Route of the High Speed Rail	The Committee felt that home owners should not incur any costs arising from the proposed route of the High Speed Rail. They agreed that the Exceptional Hardship Scheme should offer 100% compensation, and guarantee the market value of a

		<p>property, with a real government backed guarantee of full market value when construction begins should help remove the current blight on properties. The Committee also felt that the scheme should be offered to all those who are affected in any way by the route, including local businesses and farms. It was also felt that there should be a scheme for those who could show hardship not just exceptional hardship.</p>
June 2010	<p>Final Accounts 2009/10</p> <p>Customer Access in Leamington Spa</p> <p>Scrutiny of Partnerships</p> <p>Consultation on the reform of Council Housing Finance</p>	<p>The Committee were concerned with the budget variance showed in the report, with some of them out by 30%. They fully supported recommendation (g) that asked for a more robust monitoring system to be put in place and strongly agreed with recommendation (h), asking for the Portfolio holders to keep in touch with their Service Area at all times and to take actions to pull their spending back in line with the budget. They also had concerns regarding recommendation (d) that asked for the change in use of the Credit Crunch balance to be approved.</p> <p>The Committee fully supported the recommendations in the report and agreed that the Pump Rooms were the most appropriate place for the One stop Shop.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the amendments to four of the recommendations.</p> <p>The Committee felt that the response to Question 3 in the report should be enhanced because the higher the discount they received the more houses the</p>

	Gypsy and Traveller Site Update	<p>Council could provide. They also supported the work that was being done in the consultation but asked that if the report was agreed as an option, an analysis of the other options should be available so they could comment on them all.</p> <p>The Committee supported the recommendations and wanted to emphasise to the Executive that not having sites identified and approved could cause difficulties to both the travelling communities and to the settled communities. They also expressed that this report should be dealt with more swiftly than it had been in the past. They also asked for the possibly of a wider number of sites to be identified and greater consultation to take place with the gypsy and traveller communities on the sites identified in the report.</p>
July 2010	Notice of Motion	<p>The Committee agreed to fully support the notice of motion regarding the closure of the Helen Ley centre. The centre had been founded by local people, with local money and had been supported by local volunteers since it opened. The Committee noted that the premises had been handed over to the M S Society by the Trustees of Helen Ley in good faith to protect its future. Members also felt that further investigation should be undertaken into the planning conditions attached to the site in 1979 or subsequently which may restrict the M S Society from changing the use of the facility.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that the Executive consider requesting that officers investigate the</p>

	<p>Re-let of Grounds Maintenance and Integrated Waste Contract</p>	<p>planning conditions relevant to the site.</p> <p>The Committee generally supported the approach (including project team and Officer/Member Working Group) but at this early stage wished to suggest some other options and issues to be considered. It was felt that the Council shouldn't limit itself to only working with Stratford District Council and that all opportunities should be investigated including the possibility of working with other authorities if more suitable. It was also suggested that it could be looked at bringing some services, in whole or part, in-house. With regard to paragraph 7.2 of the report, members felt it may be suitable for locally based enterprises, currently working in similar fields, to be approached to bid for smaller sections of the contracts. Volunteer groups could also be taken into account as they may want to take responsibility for certain areas in their district and the Working Party needed to be mindful of the existence of these groups such as Friends of the Dell and Friends of Eagle Rec. It was also suggested that the group could look into the possibility of engaging private industry with regard to joining the Council's waste and recycling schemes. Regarding the composition of the working group as set out in paragraph 7.10, some member felt that it would be advisable for two members from the conservative group to be considered in addition to the portfolio holders as they had previous experience in the necessary areas. However, it was agreed that if that was the case then the other political groups may wish to follow</p>
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		<p>suit and have two members each as the political balance could alter at the next elections in May 2011.</p> <p>Members felt that the first question the Working Group should address should be whether there were merits of pursuing an integrated contract. If the contracts were to remain separate there may be a need for separate groups looking at waste and grounds maintenance. The Chair decided to put all of the comments forward to the Executive and request that they be taken into consideration by the Working Party when it was established.</p>
August 2010	<p>Report of the Joint Working Group on the Strategic Alliance with Stratford on Avon District Council</p> <p>Development of a Local Enterprise Partnership</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendation that the option of a shared Chief Executive and Senior Management Team would not be progressed at this time. The Committee was not in favour of the Council being restricted to looking at shared services with Stratford DC only. Whilst some members saw SDC as a natural partner, some had considerable doubts about working with SDC. The Committee agreed in principle with the establishment of the cross party joint committee, and recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding did not include any delegated powers and there was further clarification as to the how the joint committee would be constituted. The Committee recommended that the final decision on any future shared services should be made by the full Council.</p> <p>The Committee supported recommendation 2.1 as long as there were links, as and when required, with</p>

	<p>Response to Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 3 Consultation</p> <p>Pump Room Gardens</p> <p>Consultation from the Home Office regarding the Licensing Act 2003</p>	<p>Solihull or other areas. The Committee also highlighted the need to encourage private enterprise which would provide employment for everyone in the District, whatever their educational qualifications. The Committee supported recommendations 2.2 & 2.3.</p> <p>The Committee had concerns that the Core Strategy had not yet been worked out and felt it would have been desirable for the Transport Plan and the Core Strategy be dealt with together. The Committee supported the recommendation and wished to highlight aspects of the response such as the cycle route between Kenilworth and Leamington Spa. The Committee felt that in addition to support for park and ride schemes the need for strong bus routes was something which should be supported.</p> <p>The Committee had considerable enthusiasm for the project, and was impressed with the success of the fundraising to date, the speed at which funds were being raised and the efforts being put in. The Committee supported the principle of the Council acting as guarantor but expressed concern at the potential level of expenditure required from the contingency budget and would ask that the Executive to bear that in mind.</p> <p>The Committee supported the recommendation but asked that officers also promote the consultation as widely as possible amongst the public.</p>
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	Spencer Yard Update	The Committee supported the recommendations and emphasised the importance of the regeneration of the area to create a Cultural Quarter. It hoped that, if necessary, the Executive would explore all options for future regeneration including whether new partners were available.
September 2010	<p>Fit for the Future</p> <p>Regional and Sub-Regional Working</p> <p>Joint Working Committee with Stratford DC</p> <p>Oakley Woods</p>	<p>The Committee asked that the report be changed so that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be included in under the 'Managing the Programme' section of the report. Some members felt that the Annual Governance Statement (2009/2010) Action Plan was not very clear and that it was not easy to identify the priorities or time scales for the portfolio holders.</p> <p>Some members of the Committee felt that there should be more member involvement in any regional and sub-regional structure.</p> <p>The Committee were not happy with the recommendations in the report, and pointed out that a decision had already been made to allow the Council to make any decision and not a joint working party. They had concerns that it would be unconstitutional for Executive to agree with the recommendations following the decision already made at a previous meeting.</p> <p>The Committee were concerned about the delays set out in the report and asked that in future all</p>

	Free Swimming	<p>departments involved work closely together to stop mistakes or delays being made.</p> <p>The Committee were in favour of this scheme continuing and the possibility of charging £1 per session for under 16's. However they felt that the decision should be deferred until a full debate could take place at Council where there would be young people present who could also make comments. The Committee did not think a decision should be rushed into as there was a good amount of time before it had to be made.</p>
October 2010	<p>Fees & Charges</p> <p>Plans to Celebrate London 2012 in Warwick District</p> <p>Christchurch Gardens Improvements</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and, in particular noted and supported the approach outlined in 3.3. They felt the emphasis on increasing the volume of take up of services rather than the price was right. They also had concerns regarding the different fees for burials and cremations for residents and non residents and sought clarification of whether the surcharge should be applied to former residents.</p> <p>The Committee congratulated the officers on the revised report. They were delighted that officers had also included a large number of taster sessions to encourage people to get involved in sport and activities in the District including those sports and activities some people were not aware of.</p> <p>The Committee were of the opinion that Executive should respond positively to the Town Council as set</p>

	Gypsy and Traveller Site Update	<p>out in 2.2 and should proceed to negotiations as soon as possible as set out in 2.3. They supported the principle of areas being transferred to town or parish councils or community based organisations but also felt that those who took over the gardens should be aware that they will need to maintain the area</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the report and felt that looking for a temporary site was a matter of urgency. However, they did not want the search for a permanent site to be delayed and that if a site was to come forward this should be considered.</p>
November 2010	<p>Council Tax Discounts – Second Homes and Long Term Empty Properties</p> <p>Warwick District Council Play Areas</p> <p>Review of Locality Working</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.</p> <p>The Committee felt that accessibility was a key part in providing play areas to residents within the District. They also asked for young people to be continually consulted about their play area and ways to improve them and ensure they contained play equipment they wanted and used. The Committee asked the Executive to consider recommendation 2.4 in the report, which outlines the possibility of transferring these areas to groups or agencies.</p> <p>The Committee had concerns that the Community Forum meetings took up a lot of officer time, including the output after the meetings. They felt that the meetings were too structured and formal with the grant process dominating the meetings and</p>

	<p>Audit Commission Report on Housing Services</p>	<p>that these should be changed to include more items put forward by the community. They agreed that the people attending the Community Forum meetings were not a representative part of the community and that smaller groups spread across an area may attract more people and then these could feed back to the main Forum.</p> <p>The Committee concluded that they had confidence in the new Head of Service for Housing and Property Services and that the draft improvement plan was the right thing to do next. They felt that there were lessons that could be learnt from the problems that had been missed previously and that ways would be found to ensure that similar problems were not missed at such a magnitude in the future. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked that a sub-committee be established with all Councillors and tenants, including those from sheltered housing, who were aware of the system. This would enable Councillors to learn of the tenants issues and to both look at the improvement plan.</p>
<p>6 January 2011</p>	<p>Scoping of High Speed 2 Impacts on Warwick District</p>	<p>The Committee had concerns that the excellent and professional work undertaken by the Alliance of Action Groups would be duplicated and that this would not give best value from public money. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that Warwick District Council should be asked to match fund any money put in by Kenilworth Town Council up to the value of £50,000. This was because Kenilworth as the town by far the most affected by</p>

	<p>Local Plan, Annual Monitoring Report & Review of Local Development Scheme</p> <p>Recommendations of the Grants Review Panel on Future Funding of the Voluntary and Community Sector</p> <p>Portfolio Holder Statements</p> <p>South West Warwick (Chase Meadow) Community Centre Development</p>	<p>High Speed 2 and therefore likely to want fund the help and support needed to protect their residents.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that Executive needed to consider the implications of the regulations that would come in through the Localism Bill for the development of the Local Plan. They felt it would be a benefit if a presentation was given to Members regarding any new information and regulations once the implications of the Bill become clearer.</p> <p>The Committee supported the report and felt it was a fairer way of allocating the money. They also commended the working party for producing the report and the Portfolio holder for all the work they put in.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the new statements which were an improvement to the information previously received but were concerned at the lack of consistency in the way information was displayed meaning it was not easy to understand. The Committee noted that the revised arrangements meant that the Shadow Portfolio Holders needed to report back frequently to their groups.</p> <p>The Committee had a concern regarding the money coming from the capital investment reserve and felt that this should come from this municipal year's unspent Rural Initiatives money. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that the Executive seeks clarification whether the £98,000 commuted</p>
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	Article 4 Direction in Respect of small HMOs in Leamington Spa	<p>into account the success of the one stop shops and learn from employing staff who are slightly more senior and that measures should be put in place to encourage staff to stay in the job posts for a longer period of time keeping a high level of knowledge within the service area.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the report that had been submitted was excellent and they thanked the officers for their work undertaken. Concern was expressed regarding the time of the length of notice given and would have liked for this to be shorter, however they were aware of the risks that the Council would be under if this was reduced.</p>
February 2011	Budget 2011/12 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital	<p>The Committee had concerns regarding the legality of creating two separate pots for the Urban Initiatives Grant and the Rural Initiatives Grant because Council had already agreed that there would be one to fund both and that this decision made by Council would not be able to be changed until after a 6 month period had lapsed. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee continued to support the principle that there should be only one pot to fund both the Rural Initiatives Scheme and the Urban Initiatives Scheme and that this fund should have the budget of £150,000. Any of this money that had not been committed to a project by the end of the municipal year should not then be carried over into the following years budget but instead put back into general balances. The Overview and Scrutiny</p>

	<p>Feasibility Study of various WDC assets in Leamington</p>	<p>Committee felt that if there were to be two separate pots more funding should be made available for the Urban Initiative schemes than the Rural Initiative Schemes, with the criteria for the urban applications being different to the ones used for rural applications and potentially a need to limit how much each application could receive because of the difference between the areas. There was a strong concern from a member of the Committee that the funding for the urban grant was not enough for its size and population.</p> <p>The Committee also expressed their thanks to the Grants view Panel for getting funds agreed for the Urban Initiatives Grant. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had concerns regarding 8.3.5 which gave the Committee the impression that any new proposals for funding an Assisted Travel Scheme, that were agreed as a result of Overview and Scrutiny's report being submitted to Executive on 2 March 2011, would not be considered until the 2012/13 service plans were developed. The Committee wanted reassurance that if their recommendations were agreed this could be funded with the budget from 2011/12.</p> <p>The Committee were pleased with the report overall and were impressed with the amendments made to recommendation 2.6. However, the Committee asked for the four year business plan that would be submitted by the Head of Cultural Services and the Spa Centre Manger as mentioned in the recommendation to be submitted as soon as</p>
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	Impact on Financial Reductions on Warwick District Council and the Area	<p>possible. The Committee supported the study of the assets within the report. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whilst understanding the decisions also expressed their disappointed that the business case for the One Stop shop at the Pump Rooms would need to be deferred as they felt there was a need for this service within Royal Leamington Spa.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the high level meetings as mentioned within the report should go ahead but felt that if there were local issues being decided upon and discussed local members should be involved in these discussions at the appropriate stage. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the local health service sector should be included in the high level meetings that would be taking place with other organisations as detailed in recommendation 2.2.</p>
1 March 2010	Warwickshire Child Poverty Strategy	<p>The Committee urges Executive to hold Warwickshire County Council to account over the importance and priority of addressing housing need, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for young people and enhance their development prospects. They ask Executive to urge WCC to release some of its land to enable the development of new affordable homes to help tackle the current issues.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were very pleased with Priority Two within the proposed countywide strategy which recognises the value and importance that children centres have within the District. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>

	<p>Proposals to deliver additional affordable housing in Warwick District</p> <p>Local Economy</p>	<p>supported the recommendations and agreed with the key principles set out in the strategy but asked the Executive to recognise that there was a need to support small businesses which could then help to provide job opportunities in addition to major infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The Committee strongly supported the recommendations in the report and asked the Executive to positively consider committing further funding, as suggested in the final bullet point of recommendation 2.1.2, to provide energy saving measures to make the new affordable houses that would be built more cost effective to tenants. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee also asked that any negotiations on the joint venture partnership should ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved for future tenants in regard to rent levels and security of tenure.</p> <p>The Committee supported the report and accepted the recommendations within it. However, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee wanted the Executive to recognise the importance of the close link between the Local Plan and a future Economic Strategy and Investment Strategy and the risk of these not being fully and correctly aligned. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recognised that Warwick District was performing well but that the sub-region as a whole was underperforming.</p>
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	<p>Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership</p> <p>Discretionary Travel Scheme</p> <p>Public Health White Papers – Warwick Districts Response</p> <p>Kenilworth Public Service Centre</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations. There were concerns from the Committee that Warwick District Council may not have sufficient influence on the CWLEP Board and urged the Executive to recognise the importance of the Leaders of the District and Borough Councils holding meetings synchronised with the CWLEP Board timetable to ensure their representative is able to feed in any comments, views or concerns. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were also looking forward to seeing the high level objectives mentioned within the report turn into projects with Warwick District Council being part of delivering them.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that this report should be withdrawn from the Executive agenda to allow for further consideration following the new information received regarding Warwickshire County Council's position on funding for the Flexibus scheme.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to Executive that recommendation 2.3 within the report be amended to replace the word 'Executive' with 'Council' to allow feedback and comments from the Health Forum meeting taking place on 7 March 2011.</p> <p>The Committee supported the recommendations and agreed that the proposals put forward were excellent. Members also felt that the opportunity to purchase the Police Station should be seized whilst it was still available to Warwick District Council.</p>
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	Former Doctors Surgery. 'Treharrook' Calley Road, Lillington	The Committee noted that the original covenant was put in place specifically to put a doctor's surgery within the area to develop a healthy community. They therefore felt that the money received from the release of the covenant should be spent in the same way.
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Name	Responsible Officer	Comments
Discretionary Travel Scheme	Emma Millward	The Group submitted their final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 25 January 2011.