



<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments from the Executive</b>
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<b>Service Area</b>	Civic & Committee Services
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	n/a
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	n/a
<b>Background Papers</b>	Executive – 08.02.2017

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Deputy Chief Executive		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holders		

<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>	
n/a	
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>	

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 28 June 2017.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

## **3. Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the Scrutiny Committee is formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

## **4. Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 The Committee receives and notes the minutes of the Executive instead.

## **5. Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budgetary framework. This is for the Committee's information only.

## **6. Policy Framework**

- 6.1 The work carried out by the Committee helps the Council to improve in line with its priority to manage services openly, efficiently and effectively.

## **7. Background**

- 7.1 As part of the scrutiny process, the Committee no longer considers the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 Councillors are emailed at the time of the publication of the Executive and Scrutiny Committee agendas, asking them to contact Committee Services by 9.00 am on the day of the Scrutiny Committee, to advise which Executive items they wish the Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on and the reasons why.
- 7.3 As a result, at its meeting on 4 April 2017, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in the appendices. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

**Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 28 June 2017 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments**

<b>Item no</b>	4	<b>Title</b>	<b>Review of Warwick District Council Members' Allowances Scheme</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	No response was required.		

<b>Item no</b>	5	<b>Title</b>	<b>St Mary's Lands Masterplan and Update on Progress of Delivery Plan</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	No response was required.		

<b>Item no</b>	9	<b>Title</b>	<b>Whitnash Community Hub</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the principle of the recommendations but raised concerns that the VAT arrangements for the project have not been fully clarified yet, some Members queried the sensitivity analysis and queried the potential lack of involvement from WCC Library Service and the Sports and Social Club.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	<p>Prior to the Executive meeting, further clarification had been provided regarding the fixed costs detailed in the report.</p> <p>The Executive provided reassurances regarding the VAT issues and noted the Committee's concerns about the absence of WCC and the Sports &amp; Social Club. The Portfolio Holder for Finance reminded Members that this was a grant to Whitnash Town Council and the Council were not underwriting the finances in any way.</p>		

<b>Item no</b>	10	<b>Title</b>	<b>Transforming our Workplace Budget Provision</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		

**Executive  
Response**

No response was required.