



Title	Comments from the Executive
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Service Area	Civic & Committee Services
Wards of the District directly affected	N/A
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	10 December 2013
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 11 December 2013

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

Officer/Councillor Approval		
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	Date	Name
Relevant Director		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holders		

Consultation Undertaken	
N/A	
Final Decision?	Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)	

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee of the response the Executive gave to their comments regarding the reports submitted to the Executive in December.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive are noted.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It ensures that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are formally made aware of the Executive's responses.
- 3.2 Where the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have made a recommendation as opposed to a comment the Executive are required to respond to the recommendation(s) made, including whether or not they accept the recommendation(s).

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 This report is not produced and presented to the Committee.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 All work for the Committee has to be carried out within existing resources.

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 new scrutiny process, the Committee is no longer considering the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 On the day of publication of the Executive agenda all Councillors are sent an e-mail asking them to contact Committee Services, by 09.00am on the day of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to advise which Executive items they would like the Committee to consider.
- 7.3 As a result the Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The response the Executive gave on each item is also shown.
- 7.4 In reviewing these responses Committee can identify any issues for which they would like a progress report. A future report, for example on how the decision has been implemented, would then be submitted to the Committee at an agreed date which would then be incorporated within the work programme.

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments –
11 December 2013**

Item no.	4	Title	Refreshed Community Strategy/Fit for the Future	Requested by	Labour Group & Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	<p>Labour Group - These are central to the Council's future operations and members had questions about some programmes</p> <p>Liberal Democrat Group - To look at this report as the basis for issues the committee might wish to scrutinise in the Future</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report but highlighted the need to progress air quality actions plans.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

Item no.	8	Title	Assets Review	Requested by	Labour Group & Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	<p>Labour Group - Members had questions about what was proposed here</p> <p>Liberal Democrat Group - In order to enable comments and clarification on various points</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee emphasised the importance of factoring in relocation costs and continued service provisions to the same current standards to the overall costs of the projects.</p> <p>Priory Park and Abbey Fields in Kenilworth were not listed as assets and the Committee felt that the Executive should ensure these ruins were included.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that recommendation 2.2 should be amended to include "maintaining full and free access to the building".</p>				
Executive Response	The Executive did not agree the recommendation put forward by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee because Members felt that officers should be given a free hand to be investigate all options. The Executive accepted that special care and attention was needed for these facilities and did not want officers to be restricted at the exploratory stage.				

Item no.	10	Title	CCTV & Lighting in St Nicholas Park	Requested by	Independent group
Reason considered	The reason is to discuss the safety aspect and anti-social behaviour problems regarding				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee received a presentation from local residents and following this the Committee felt that it needed to make a recommendation to the Executive, detailed below.</p> <p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee also wished to see a further report back in six months about what has happened and been implemented.</p> <p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommends to the Executive that:</p>				

	<p>(1) recommendation 2.5 is amended to read that, as a matter of urgency, officers work with Warwickshire Police to ensure that boy racers are eradicated from the park by taking appropriate action;</p> <p>(2) recommendation 2.6 is amended to read “act urgently to work with Ward Councillors, Friends of the park and its users to allocate the remaining funding to those other desirable projects previously identified by the working party whilst looking at resolving the public nuisance issues from boy racers”; and</p> <p>(3) the Executive write to the Police Commissioner about the issues with boy racers and encourage police liaison to help tackle the problem early in the summer months when the problem is most acute.</p>
Executive Response	<p>The recommendations in the report were agreed along with the recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny with a minor amendment to (3) as detailed in bold, as follows:</p> <p>(1) recommendation 2.5 is amended to read that, as a matter of urgency, officers work with Warwickshire Police to ensure that boy racers are eradicated from the park by taking appropriate action;</p> <p>(2) recommendation 2.6 is amended to read “act urgently to work with Ward Councillors, Friends of the park and its users to allocate the remaining funding to those other desirable projects previously identified by the working party whilst looking at resolving the public nuisance issues from boy racers”; and</p> <p>(3) Councillor Coker will write to the Police Commissioner independently about the issues with boy racers and encourage police liaison to help tackle the problem early in the summer months when the problem is most acute.</p>

Item no.	11	Title	Review of Security of Open Spaces Within Warwick District Council to prevent Illegal Encampments	Requested by	Independent Group
Reason considered	The relation of this item to Executive item number 10				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendation in the report was agreed.				