

 <b>Finance &amp; Audit Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>9 February 2016</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <h1 style="text-align: center;">5</h1>
<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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006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>	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee minutes 1/12/2015 Executive minutes from 2/12/2015	

<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 13 January 2015.

## **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 12 January 2016, 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 13 January 2016 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments**

<b>Item no</b>	4	<b>Title</b>	<b>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budgets latest 2015/16 and Base 2016/17</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive made no response.		

<b>Item no</b>	5	<b>Title</b>	<b>Fees and Charges – Lifeline Services (non HRA Customers)</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive made no response.		

<b>Item no</b>	6	<b>Title</b>	<b>Car Park Fees and Charges 2016/17</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	<p>The Finance &amp; Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations although this was carried on a split vote.</p> <p>Some Members had strong concerns that the difference in charges between Kenilworth and the other towns was unfair to not only users of the car parks but the businesses in Leamington and Warwick as well. Members felt that this resulted in Leamington subsidising Kenilworth.</p> <p>Conversely, some Members agreed that due to the level of research and statistics used to underpin the recommendations, the officers' advice should be followed and the report supported.</p> <p>As a future measure, it was suggested that a Task &amp; Finish Group could be set up to investigate car parking across the District and take on board the concerns being raised.</p>		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive welcomed the idea of a Group of members looking at this issue, sooner rather than later, to enable an informed discussion to take place well in advance of setting the charges next year.		

<b>Item no</b>	9	<b>Title</b>	<b>Significant Business Risk Register</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive made no response.		

<b>Item no</b>	13	<b>Title</b>	<b>Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive made no response.		

<b>Item no</b>	14	<b>Title</b>	<b>Urgent Report – Exemption to the Code of Procurement Practice</b>
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. The Committee raised concerns that another exemption had been submitted but noted that this was an inherited issue and lessons had been learned.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	Councillor Phillips provided reassurance that lessons had been learned and as a Council we had a responsibility to resolve this quickly.		