

Response from the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments

Item Number	Title	Requested by	Reason	Comment to the Executive	Executive Response and Decision
5	Managing Housing Supply	Conservative Group	Wish to discuss it further	The majority of the Committee supported the recommendations in the report	The item was deferred to be resubmitted to either the 3 December 2008 or 4 February 2009 meeting of the Executive to allow consideration of related Regional Spatial Strategy issues.
6	Corporate Strategy Review	Labour Group  Liberal Democrat Group	Why does the revised Corporate Strategy Review not include any objectives, targets and high level actions for the two new portfolio holders?  It is unclear what responsibilities some Portfolio Holders have within the Corporate Strategy	The Committee requested that the Executive defer the report and it be submitted to the Executive in December detailing all the Portfolio Holder priorities, targets and high level actions, because there was currently no in depth reference to the Human Resources Portfolio or any details of Legal/Documentation Portfolio.	The Executive noted the comments of both the Overview and Scrutiny and Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committees, however, they did not feel deferring the item was the better option but suggested they receive a further report at its next meeting detailing the responsibilities of the outstanding portfolios.  The decision was to approve the revised Corporate Strategy as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, and a further report be submitted to the Executive on the responsibilities of the portfolio holders for Human Resources and Legal and Documentation.

12	Fees & Charges 2009/10	Labour Group	What are the reasons why the proposed licence fee increase for sex shops (8.2.2) is still lower than those of other local authorities?	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but drew the Executive's attention to the charge for sex shops and questioned whether it accurately represented the true costs to the Council? This Committee suggested that £3500 might be closer to the true figure.	The Executive agreed with the scrutiny comments and a further report on the breakdown of the proposed fees for licensing sex shops be requested to allow the charge to be reviewed prior to implementation of the revised fees and charges in April 2009.
		Liberal Democrat Group	There is some concern that the amount of £ 2,000 proposed for Licensing of Sex Shops reflects the work load, especially given that the amount proposed seems out of line compared with neighbouring authorities		
		Conservative Group	Wish to discuss it further.		
23	Spencer Yard	Liberal Democrat Group	Given its importance to the Community it is felt this should be discussed.	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.	The report was agreed as printed.