Responses from the meeting of Cabinet 6 December 2023 on the O&S Committee's Comments from its meeting 5 December 2023

Urgent Item - Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

Scrutiny Comment:

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee raised concern about the lack of detail provided in the report, particularly around the areas of risk and alternative options, cyber security and protection of residents' personal data. The Committee asks Cabinet that a review should be done, to look at the breakdown in the process leading to the current situation, and lessons to be learnt from it.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved.

Item 4 - Q2 Budget Update 2023/24

Scrutiny Comment:

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report and thanked officers for their work on it, especially for including the summary of reserves. The Committee asks that in the future, more work should be done on how the Council monitors its budgets on an ongoing basis, so that there is a lesser discrepancy between projections and the actuals.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee asks for an update from the Portfolio Holder in relation to the underspent capital budget for disabled playground facilities, and what the plan for spending this budget is. The Committee asks for future reports to bring forward comments in the situations of underspend.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved.

<u>Item 15 – Associated Costs for the Purchase of Twenty-Four Dwellings at The Europa Way, Warwick</u>

Scrutiny Comment:

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report and supported the recommendations within it.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report and addendum were approved.