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| 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| Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 | No |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 September 2013 |
| Background Papers | Executive Minutes – 11 September 2013 |

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| 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 |

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| Officer/Councillor Approval | | |
| 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). | | |
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| Relevant Director | | |
| Chief Executive | | |
| CMT | | |
| Section 151 Officer | | |
| Legal | | |
| Finance | | |
| Portfolio Holders | | |

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

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 September 2013**

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| Item no. | 4 | Title | Warwick District Council's Response to Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Core Strategy Consultation Process | Requested by | Labour Group |
| Reason considered | The Labour Members wished to discuss possible co-operation with Stratford. | | | | |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. It recognised the importance of the discussions and had concerns about the potential traffic impact in Warwick District; therefore it welcomed discussions with Warwick County Council and hoped that these would focus particularly on infrastructure. | | | | |
| Executive Response | The Deputy Leader, Councillor Caborn, endorsed the report and stated that the report laid out the Council's marker with the understanding that because discussions would be on-going, Members may choose to propose different recommendations later. He assured Members that discussions would continue about the Lighthorne development which could have a big impact on traffic issues for Warwick District. Councillor Caborn advised that this was by no means a formal objection but would reserve the Council's right to comment in the future. | | | | |

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| Item no. | 5 | Title | Call-In of Executive Decision – Potential Recreation of Kenilworth Mere | Requested by | Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups |
| Reason considered | <p>Labour Members wished to discuss Executive response to the points made in full Council and previously by Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>Independent Members wanted clarification on information provided via e-mail to the Group Leaders by the Executive. What level of exploration on tourism was being suggested; which were the relevant sites and would this be undertaken in the current officers' time/budget?</p> <p>Liberal Democrat Members wished to clarify the report.</p> | | | | |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Overview and Scrutiny Committee thanked and gave full credit to the Executive for listening and was looking forward to see ideas that residents can support for tourism development for the whole District. The Committee looked forward to taking part in tourism strategy. | | | | |
| Executive Response | The Executive resolved that no further action would be taken at the present time in relation to the commissioning of a feasibility study, although it would continue to investigate the various matters raised by | | | | |

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| | Members. It also confirmed its commitment to a policy of underpinning and strengthening the local economy with specific reference to the tourism sector. |
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| Item no. | Title | Requested by |
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| 6 | Call-In of Executive Decision – St Mary’s Lands Business Strategy | Labour and Independent Groups |
| Reason considered | <p>Labour Members had questions about what was now proposed to take matters forward.</p> <p>Independent Members wanted more information/clarification about the working party suggested by the Executive via an e-mail to Group Leaders.</p> | |
| Scrutiny Comment | <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee broadly welcomed the report but was very concerned that members of the Steering Group should be chosen very carefully so that they were widely representative. The Committee suggested that the Steering Group itself should canvass opinions, especially of local residents. The Committee was pleased that the Executive had already committed to a consultation at the next stage.</p> | |
| Executive Response | <p>The Executive resolved that the decision made by the Executive on 19 June 2013 was confirmed, so it could be implemented without further delay.</p> <p>In the light of the discussion which took place at the Council meeting and for the removal of any doubt, the Portfolio Holder for Development Services agreed to confirm the undertakings given to the Scrutiny Committee representatives and the Executive as to the process to be adopted in relation to the proposals for St Mary’s Lands which came before the Executive on 19 June 2013.</p> <p>It therefore confirmed that a Working Party consisting of 2 local Town Councillors appointed by the Town Council and three District Councillors, (Barrott, Mrs Blacklock and Hammon) together with local stakeholders including Warwick Racecourse Company, will develop a St Mary’s Lands business strategy based on GVA Leisure’s options appraisal report and the Executive decision in respect of this, and that no further decisions will be made by Executive pending the report from the Working Party and a public consultation on its findings.</p> | |

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| Item no. | 11 | Title | Recruitment of Major Sites Monitoring Officer | Requested by | Liberal Democrat Group |
| Reason considered | Liberal Democrat Members had some queries. | | | | |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Overview and Scrutiny Committee understood the need for this post and it was concerned that the person appointed should look at infrastructure issues. | | | | |
| Executive Response | The Chief Executive stated that this post would have an extensive work load and would not be able to take on additional responsibilities. | | | | |