

	Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8 April 2015	Agenda Item No. 4
Title	Comments from the Executive	
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Service Area	Democratic 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	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 March 2015	
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 11 March 2015	

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		
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).		
	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 March.

2. **Recommendation**

- 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 Option 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 meetings of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments – 11 March 2015**

Items no.	5	Title	Homelessness Strategy 2015 – 2017	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	This was an important issue and Members had questions and proposals about planned actions.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but requested that officers and the Portfolio Holder noted its view that during severe weather, the Council should aim to provide shelter to people who sleep rough after just one night, not three; and that these people be provided with <u>both</u> bed and breakfast. The Committee also asked that information be provided about the number of homeless who were ex-servicemen.				
Executive Response	In response to the comments from Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Portfolio Holder advised that the Council was working with voluntary sectors to incorporate their sentiments into the strategy. In addition, he requested that an additional recommendation 2.3 be added to read "The Executive recognises the importance of the Homelessness strategy in alleviating homelessness and will pass this to the Housing Advisory Group to monitor progress."				

Item no.	6	Title	Establishing a Council Development Company for Warwick District	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Members had questions about what HRA and the new company might provide.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

Item no.	8	Title	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy	Requested by	Lib Dem Group / Councillor Mrs Falp
Reason considered	Liberal Democrat Group - Because of the importance of the strategy to future provision of sports facilities within the District. Councillor Mrs Falp – Questions re artificial pitches. The need for them and consultation with users.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but wished the Executive to ensure that provision for hockey was given appropriate support. The Committee also noted that provision of sports facilities at school sites did not guarantee continuing use for the public; so this risk needed to be properly identified and managed.				
Executive Response	Officers advised caution with regard to focussing solely on hockey because the Council did not want to be caught in a position between national bodies and local clubs. Members were assured that any challenges would be picked up as part of the quarterly review.				

Item no.	9	Title	Regeneration in Lillington	Requested by	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	This is a significant scheme for regeneration involving a number of partners, and to understand the options should Red House Farm site in the Local Plan not be released for development.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

Item no.	10	Title	Housing Advisory Group	Requested by	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	To enable members to understand and comment upon the proposals.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee strongly supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

Item no.	16a	Title	Proposed Creative Quarter	Requested by	LIB Dem Group
Reason considered	To enable members to comment on the proposals.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

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Item no.	22	Title	Strategic Opportunity Proposal	Requested by	Independent Group
Reason considered	For further questions in view of the cost and impact of this proposal on the area.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

Item no.	23	Title	SEV Task & Finish Group – Final Report	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Members had questions about the process.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee recommended amending paragraph 2.1 to read "...paying due regard to the views of the Task and Finish Group and Counsel..."				
Executive Response	The Executive agreed the recommendation from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.				