

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on the
F&A Committee's Comments – 11 February 2021**

Item Number: 6 - General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2021/22

Reason Considered:

Part of the remit of the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Scrutiny Comment:

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the report and took the opportunity to thank all officers for their work in bringing forward the budget for the Council in these challenging times.

Executive Response:

Councillor Hales thanked the Head of Finance and officers who had worked so diligently in producing the budget in recent months, and he thanked the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee. The recommendations in the report were approved.

Item Number: 8 - Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22

Reason Considered:

Part of the remit of the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Scrutiny Comment:

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the report and welcomed the approach of PAB picking up the initial work in this area in respect of the potential Environmental, Social and Governance investment and joint working with Stratford District Council.

Executive Response:

Councillor Hales thanked the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee Members for their questions at the Committee's meeting on 10 February. He also explained that he had spoken to the Chair of the Finance and Business PAB and this item would come to the PAB in September. He thanked the Head of Finance and the report author, the Principal Accountant, and he then proposed the report as laid out.

Item Number: 11 - Warwick District Leisure Development Programme – Kenilworth Facilities

Requested by: Councillor Nicholls

Reason Considered: This falls under the remit of the Committee because of the financial investment, loss of income and the procurement strategy.

Scrutiny Comment:

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported recommendations as amended.

They also welcomed:

(1) the assurance from the Portfolio Holder in respect of potential delays within Development Services in determining the planning applications for these sites within the 13 weeks due to a backlog in that service area; and

(2) the understanding that the project will be treated as two separate sites and projects throughout this project to enable them to be more agile in delivery.

Executive Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved, as amended.