

 <b>Finance &amp; Audit Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>- 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b>  <h1 style="text-align: right;">6</h1>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments from the Executive</b>	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Civic & Committee Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	N/A	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	Yes	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Finance & Audit minutes 12/3/2013 Executive minutes 13/3/2013	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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).		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Deputy Chief Executive		Andrew Jones
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance		Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holders		

<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>	
N/A	
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>	

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 13 March 2013.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive be noted.

## **3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the Scrutiny Committee is formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 The Committee receives and notes the minutes of the Executive instead.

## **5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budgetary framework. This is for the Committee's information only.

## **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 scrutiny process, the Committee no longer considers the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 Councillors are emailed at the time of the publication of the Executive and Scrutiny Committee agendas, asking them to contact Committee Services by 9.00am on the day of the Scrutiny Committee, to advise which Executive items they wish the Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on, and the reasons why.
- 7.3 As a result, at its meeting on 12 March 2013, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

**APPENDIX 1****Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 13 March 2013 on the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments**

<b>Item no</b>	4	<b>Title</b>	Codes of Financial and Procurement Practice	<b>Requested by</b>	Chair
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but suggested that paragraph 7.2 should include faster payments as many cash transfers were now required to be carried out on the same day and therefore BACS was no longer supported.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive agreed to amend paragraph 7.2 as proposed.				

<b>Item no</b>	5	<b>Title</b>	Discretionary Housing Payment Policy	<b>Requested by</b>	Chair
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	-				

Two confidential items on the Executive agenda - item 12 "Staffing Reviews" and an urgent item "Potential strategic land acquisition in Leamington Spa" - were also considered and are detailed under a separate confidential appendix.