



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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	12 November 2013
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 13 November 2013

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		
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	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 November.

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 –
13 November 2013**

Item no.	7 & 8	Title	City Deal Governance and the establishment of a Sub-Regional Joint Committee and Coventry and Warwickshire City Deal	Requested by	Labour Group & Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	<p>Labour Members requested this item because this would be a significant commitment for Warwick District Council and Members wanted to discuss the proposal.</p> <p>The Liberal Democrat Group requested this item because of the potential importance of the City deal to the local economy.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the reports and strongly supported the initiative/thrust to develop the advanced manufacturing and engineering sector. In respect of Recommendation 2.7 of the City Deal Governance Report (Item 7 on the Executive Agenda), the Committee felt that in light of the significance of what was being proposed, our representative on the Joint Committee should provide feedback to Overview and Scrutiny on a six monthly basis or in respect of any significant issues or decisions between times, to ensure proper scrutiny of the new arrangements.</p> <p>The Committee was concerned that the wording of the planning proposals within Appendix One was disappointing and that this was remedied within the final City Deal document, as while fully supportive of the principle of removing barriers to AME sector applications the reference to a 21 day determination might feed a public perception that any such applications would be driven through without proper consultation, in contravention of statutory timescales and/or full consideration of any public concerns raised.</p> <p>Finally, the Committee felt that it was extremely important that the Joint Sub-Regional Committee should operate transparently and that agendas and minutes should be publically available with minutes published within one month.</p>				
Executive Response	The Executive thanked the Committee for its comments.				

Item no.	10	Title	Local Plan: Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Labour Members had some queries about the proposals, including change to green belt boundaries.				

Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee congratulated the officer on an excellent report and wanted prompt action to implement the consultation on the villages report.
Executive Response	Having read the report and the representations from Overview and Scrutiny and local residents, the Executive decided to agree the recommendations in the report with the assurance that prior to consultation, any reference to the word 'proposed' would be amended to read 'preferred'.

Item no.	11	Title	Alternative use of part of West Rock car park	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Labour Members had some queries about information in the report.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee approved the plan and it was noted that most Warwick councillors agreed that there was a need for affordable housing.				
Executive Response	The Executive agreed the recommendations as written.				

Item no.	12	Title	Access to Kingfisher Pools, Warwick	Requested by	Councillor Mrs Bromley
Reason considered	Councillor Mrs Bromley requested this item because further clarification is required and also a map of the area involved would be useful.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that this decision be deferred until local Ward Councillors and the Town Council had been consulted to facilitate looking at alternative options and all issues.				
Executive Response	<p>The Executive did not feel that a deferral would assist the Club especially with the imminent arrival of winter weather. In addition, it felt that officers had already investigated any alternative routes available and had reported on the most suitable option available. However, to ensure that all parties were sufficiently consulted with, it was agreed that authority to carry out the works could be delegated to the Head of Service in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>Having read the report and the recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Executive decided to amend the recommendation to ensure that the relevant Ward Councillors and Warwick Town Councillors were consulted prior to the works taking place.</p>				