

***Summary of comments made on the Executive Agenda for
Thursday 30 July 2020***

2. Governance Review of Warwick District Council

The Committees supported the recommendations in the report but wanted to draw a number of points to the attention of the Executive that needed to be carefully monitored.

The Committees had concerns about the large remit of each PAB and how they would cope looking at such large areas of work. This was a specific concern that the listed areas were just projects and did not cover other work the PABs would look at, such as refinements to or creating new policies.

The Committees shared concerns that with the change to scrutiny of service provision, the development of and quality of service provision might not be adequately picked up by the scrutiny of RAG and KPIs that has been developed and which will be adopted.

They noted the dates in 2.2 and 2.7 for review should be combined so they were the same, and that the remit of the review should be produced in agreement with both Scrutiny Chairs.

The Committees appreciated clarification that the presumption would be for briefings to remain in the evening, in line with the protocol for arranging meetings with Councillors, but accepted this may mean some need to be held at the same time as other meetings.

The Committees made a general comment on the resources for Civic & Committee Services, that this proposal should be work neutral and therefore this element needed to be closely monitored and feedback on as part of the 6, 12 and 18-month review.

In addition, some members of the Committee raised concerns about:

- the loss of Shadow Portfolio Holder meetings and highlighted this could lead to more work for officers through more frequent questions/contacts from Councillors; and
- for providing an SRA for the role of Chairman of a PAB.