

### AUDIT & RESOURCES, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

17 JUNE, 2003

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON THE EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 23 JUNE, 2003

(NOTE: THIS SUMMARY IS NOT THE FORMAL MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES. IT IS INTENDED TO GIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE EARLY NOTICE OF THE VIEWS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED ON MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2003.)

## 2. Approval of Accounts 2002 – 2003 [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but expressed concern about the robustness of the original estimates for the year particularly in the light of the increase in the repair and maintenance costs and the shortfall in the savings on staffing costs. The Committee asked that the Corporate Property Maintenance budget management should be included in its future work plan for scrutiny.

The Community Scrutiny Committee noted the report.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report

# 3. Financial Strategy and Budget Setting Timetable [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

The Community Scrutiny Committee noted the report.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report

#### 4. Corporate Strategy

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee had no comments on this report.

Some members of the Community Scrutiny Committee expressed concern at the references made to the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrat Party Manifestos and the Committee agreed that these comments should be passed on. The Committee made no comments on the appendix to the report.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee could not reach a consensus on this item, although they did not object to any of the content.

## 5. Capital Programme 2003 – 2004 [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources and Environment Scrutiny Committees supported the recommendation in the report.

The Community Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report but expressed concerns regarding the slippage.

6. Best Value, Community Plan and Preparing for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Scrutiny Committee.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

7. A Local Strategic Partnership for Warwick District [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

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9. Performance Management - Full Year Results 2002 – 2003 [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but had no comments to make on the results.

The Community Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and, although concerned about the affordable housing issue, welcomed the results which fell within their remit.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but expressed concern about the practical difficulty with meeting the target for affordable housing due to the lack of adequate sites.

10. Future Strategy for the Giving of Financial Assistance for Private Sector Housing Repair and Improvement [This item was considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

11. Warwick District Race Equality Scheme Update And Schedule Of Reviews For 2003/05

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

- 12. Minutes of the Scrutiny Committees
- 13. **General Report** 
  - (A) Rural Initiatives Scheme Applications from Budbrooke and Baginton [This item was considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### (B) Grants to Voluntary Organisations [This item was considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

#### 14. Public and Press

The public and press were excluded.

### 15. Proposals for Kenilworth Town Centre [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources and Environment Scrutiny Committee.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report but pointed out that in the last sentence of para 5.3 one of the references should be to Party A.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report

# 16. Marlborough House, Learnington Spa [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### 17. St Mary's Lands Proposals and the Hill Close Gardens Scheme, Warwick

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

All Scrutiny Committees supported the recommendations in the revised report.

# 18. Disposal of Land at Station Approach, Royal Learnington Spa [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report but suggested a proviso that should the value of the land increase for any reason the sum to be paid to the Council be reviewed.

# 19. Cultural Quarter Proposal, Spencer Yard, Leamington Spa [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Community and Environment Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the revised report. The Committee also asked for details to be included in the future report on the business plan on the value of the land and buildings owned by the Council which would form part of the project.

The Community Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the revised report and requested that details of the value of the land be made available.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the revised report.