

FINANCE & AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2010

ITEM No.	TITLE	REQUESTED BY	COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
4	Fees and Charges	Chair	<p>Councillor Mrs Knight advised Executive that F&A had undertaken a thorough investigation of items or fees that were not clear & were satisfied with explanations provided by officers. In addition, they noted the amendment to recommendation 2.6 that this would be delegated to the Head of Culture and would be a recommendation to Council.</p> <p>F&A also noted comments in recommendation 2.5 and paragraph 7.5.3 which sought sponsorship for Council parks and gardens but felt that this should be undertaken cautiously, particularly in mind of previous experience of sponsoring roundabouts.</p> <p>F&A felt that a further report should be brought to Executive regarding proposals contained in paragraph 2.9, but this recommendation should provide clarity that the intention is to stimulate the economy further by increasing the number of users of our services e.g. car parking & therefore potentially bringing more money into businesses rather increasing our charges. In addition the report should include proposals regarding 10.6.1 (Charging for events on public spaces), 11.1.2 (Building control fees) & those areas within Appendix B Item 4/Page 85.</p>	<p>Councillor Mobbs highlighted incorrect numbering of the recommendations & suggested additional wording to recommendation 2.5 to give a timeline for reporting back to the Executive on concessionary fees. He also advised rewording of recommendation 2.8 which he hoped would help alleviate some of the issues highlighted by F&A. He proposed an extra recommendation be added which would clarify the request from F&A for further information.</p> <p>Executive thanked the Scrutiny Committees for their comments and agreed to Councillor Mobbs' amendments to the recommendations.</p>
7	Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee – Scrutiny Update	Chair	<p>The Committee expressed significant concern regarding the proposed report in the Forward Plan about South West Warwick Community Centre Development which had been significantly delayed. In their opinion the report needed to be brought forward, ideally before the end of the calendar year.</p>	<p>Councillor Caborn was aware of the situation & the sensitive reasons behind the delays. He was due to meet with residents in November & hoped a report would follow shortly afterwards.</p>