

### AUDIT & RESOURCES, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT, AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

**4 AND 5 NOVEMBER, 2003** 

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON THE EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 10 NOVEMBER, 2003

## 2(A) Concessionary Travel Scheme [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the request.

#### 3. Notices of Motion

The Notices of Motion from Councillors Kinson and Mrs Begg were considered by Council on 29 October, 2003.

# 4. Approval of Fees and Charges 2004 - 2005 [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported recommendation 1.1 of the report also supported option B with regard to the car parks and made the following comments:

They expressed concern that the Financial Strategy had not achieved what was expected;

The Committee would like a report in 6 months on 9.1.2 and 9.1.3.

The Economic O & S Committee be asked to look at the management & income/expenditure at the Edmondscote Athletics Track and how it can be promoted.

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported recommendation 1.1 of the report and Option A with regard to the car parks.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the fees and charges which fell within their remit. However the Committee expressed concern over the fee for collection of Garden Refuse (Page 22) and whether this should continue, especially as it is such a minimal fee. The Committee also wished to highlight that they were currently investigating this area as part of their Scrutiny of Recycling, the outcome of which would be reported to the Executive early next year.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported recommendation 1.1 in the report.

# 5. Financial Monitoring 2003/2004 (Half Year to 30 September 2003) [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the report and made the following comments:

They endorsed the further action which the Director of Community Resources and the Chief Financial Officer reported she had taken

- Para 5.1.3.3 CCTV equipment The Committee would like a report to the next meeting of the Committee covering when the contract was let, and why the maintenance and other associated costs were not taken into consideration.
- Para 5.1.3.5 Jephson Gardens Kitchen Equipment The WP set up for Jephson Gardens should look in to the issues raised regarding the kitchen equipment.
- Para 5.1.3.6 Leisure Centres Staff The Committee would like information on staffing patterns, and also on levels and costs of full and part time staff.
- Para 5.1.3.10 Prior Year adjustments of NNDR Pool Payment Can the Committee be given details of where these properties are?
- Para 5.2.2. General Fund What is the justification for financing the fit out cost of the Kenilworth Connection from the e-government budget?

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but were concerned about the amount of references to errors and mistakes and sought assurance that these would be looked at by the officers and the relevant Portfolio Holders.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. However the Committee expressed concern over the following issues:

- 5.1.3.1 (page 67), how did officers manage to miscalculate the rate of inflation by so much?
- 5.1.3.2 paragraph 1 (page 67). The Committee were disappointed that as the tax credits from the central government/county council were never guaranteed they should not have been included within the budget.
- 5.1.3.2 paragraph 2 (page 67) The Committee sought further information on why the contractor had not produced the leaflet advertising the recycling schemes as they believed this to be part of the contract and they thought this had been carried out, by the contractor.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and paid particularly attention to paragraph 5.1.3.8 of the report which related to Benefits Subsidy Claims.

6. Performance Management - Half Year Results 2003/04
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and made the following comments;

Appendix 1 – CO1 (3) -This needs need re-wording so it makes sense.

Appendix 7 -

i)

- The Committee would like a programme of the Councils appraisals procedure
- ii) The Committee would like to see more targets in the members services list.

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and looked forward to a report being brought back in the next quarter.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report although highlighted that public conveniences (p103) fell within the remit of Economic Scrutiny Committee and that the progress on CCTV Coverage (page 102) fell within the remit of both Economic and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committees.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the fact that the National Best Value Performance Indicators in appendix 3 of the report for Customer and Community Services and Housing Services Portfolio Areas were performing on or above target. The Committee did not feel it was able to give full consideration to the proposed indicators however they would find exception reporting helpful.

#### 7. Licensing Act 2003

[This item was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

# 8. Best Value Review of Community Safety [This item was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the adoption of the improvement plan, welcomed the appointment of the Licensing Enforcement Officer and applauded Pete Cutts for all his work on the review.

#### 9. Member Development

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

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

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation of the report.

# 10. Warwickshire On Line Partnership - Procurement [This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but regretted that the opportunity had been lost to have the same system as the rest of the WOLP.

#### 11. Skateboarding in Kenilworth

[This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

## 12. Motion to Council on Smoking in Council Facilities [This item was considered by the Economic and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. However the Committee expressed concern about the implications of the original notice of motion if it was to be enforced, especially the aspect of forcing village halls to comply to Council policy via the threat of the removal of grants and the implications for shop holders who rented Council shops.

### 13. Review of Riverside House Car park [This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

### 14. Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Review of Public Conveniences [This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but awaited the results of any decisions made by the Executive on 10 November, 2003.

### 15. Managing Stock Retention

[This item was considered by the Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

#### 16. Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

#### 17. **General Report**

(A) Response To The Proposed Regional Tourism Strategy
[This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny
Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(B) Eagle Recreation Ground Improvements
[This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(C) Decoration to Void Properties
[This item was considered by the Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.