

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on O&S Committee's Comments
– 31 October 2018**

Items no.	4	Title	Code of Procurement Practice	Requested by	Green Party
Reason considered	How does Section 4.6 of the code (item 4/ appendix 1/ page 10) fit with council specific policies on page 8 regarding corporate responsibility, equality, ethics, SME friendly, social value and sustainable procurement? Can examples be given where these specific policies have led to awarding a contract that wouldn't have been the most favoured given a narrow interpretation of MEAT?				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved with an amendment to Appendix 1, Page 13 of the report, to bullet point four to read " <i>The exemption must be agreed by the Head of Finance and Executive, prior to any contract being entered into</i> ". These changes will be made prior to submission to Council.				

Items no.	5	Title	Adoption of a Plastics Policy	Requested by	Green Party & Labour Group
Reason considered	<p>Green Party:</p> <p>Thank you for this important policy, particularly the focus on minimizing procurement of single-use plastics. Presumably to develop into a robust policy, details will be added concerning: who is responsible for each aspect; time frames for implementation; and how effectiveness will be monitored. It would be good to hear how these will be approached.</p> <p>Line 3, page 6: It is not true that "every item of plastic ever made still exists today".</p> <p>Final sentence on page 7: can this become stronger than guidance that is merely awareness raising? Can "share" be changed to "implement"? This covers awareness raising but also could mean the adoption of enforceable policy.</p> <p>Labour Group:</p> <p>To scrutinise whether the scope and effectiveness of the policy could be improved</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.</p> <p>The Committee discussed what could be done to reduce the use of plastic at events held in the District, and requested an update in 12 months' time to review progress with the Policy and the difference it had made.</p> <p>Suggestions were made for some amendments to the wording in the</p>				

	Policy and Councillor Thompson asked Councillor Davison to liaise with him over the changes, which he has done.
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved, with the agreement of revised wording as discussed with officers.

Items no.	9	Title	Discretionary Business Rates Relief as a Tool for Business Growth and Inward Investment	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	To understand more clearly the criteria proposed, to what extent they are based on experience in other authorities, and whether the effectiveness of the policy could be improved.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved with an amendment to the figures contained within paragraph 5.6 to read "£100,000".				