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|  Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee - 7 May 2014 | | Agenda Item No. <h1 style="text-align: right;">5</h1> |
| Title | Comments from the Executive | |
| For further information about this report please contact | Peter Dixon Committee Services Officer 01926 456114 committee@warwickdc.gov.uk | |
| Service Area | Civic & Committee Services | |
| Wards of the District directly affected | N/A | |
| Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 | No | |
| Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number | N/A | |
| Background Papers | Finance & Audit minutes 15/04/2014 Executive minutes 16/04/2014 | |

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| Contrary to the policy framework: | No |
| Contrary to the budgetary framework: | No |
| Key Decision? | No |
| Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number) | No |

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| Officer/Councillor Approval | | |
| With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s). | | |
| Officer Approval | Date | Name |
| Deputy Chief Executive | | Andrew Jones |
| Chief Executive | | |
| CMT | | |
| Section 151 Officer | | Mike Snow |
| Legal | | |
| Finance | | Jenny Clayton |
| Portfolio Holders | | |

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| Consultation Undertaken | |
| N/A | |
| Final Decision? | Yes |
| Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below) | |

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 16 April 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the Scrutiny Committee is formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Committee receives and notes the minutes of the Executive instead.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budgetary framework. This is for the Committee's information only.

6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The work carried out by the Committee helps the Council to improve in line with its priority to manage services openly, efficiently and effectively.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 As part of the scrutiny process, the Committee no longer considers the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 Councillors are emailed at the time of the publication of the Executive and Scrutiny Committee agendas, asking them to contact Committee Services by 9.00 am on the day of the Scrutiny Committee, to advise which Executive items they wish the Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on and the reasons why.
- 7.3 As a result, at its meeting on 16 April 2014, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in the appendices. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

APPENDIX 1

Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 16 April 2014 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

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| Item no | 6 | Title | Renewal of Allpay Contract | Requested by | Chair |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | | | |
| Executive Response | - | | | | |

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| Item no | 7 | Title | Procurement of Rural Housing Enabler | Requested by | Chair |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | | | |
| Executive Response | - | | | | |

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| Item no | 8a | Title | Significant Business Risk Register | Requested by | Chair |
| Scrutiny Comment | <p>The Committee highlighted the risk of the local plan being unsound or delayed, and suggested that the potential for the local plan to be rejected by the Council was also a risk. Concern was expressed that movement against some risks within the register appeared to have worsened, with no apparent actions being attached to those risks. The Portfolio Holder assured the Committee that actions were considered on a regular basis, but agreed to ensure that actions were detailed more explicitly in future reports and to include more narrative about the movement of risks. The Committee noted the Portfolio Holder's commitment to raising the profile of the register and ensuring that it was properly discussed by CMT, and supported the recommendations in the report.</p> | | | | |
| Executive Response | <p>The Portfolio Holder for Finance thanked F&A for its comments. He reiterated his commitment to see service area risk registers brought up to a consistently high standard, for them to be monitored through regular meetings with Heads of Service and for CMT/Executive briefing meetings to discuss the Significant Business Risk Register.</p> | | | | |

The Committee also considered the following Executive agenda items which are detailed in a separate confidential appendix:

- 10 - Fetherstone Court Development Scheme Update
- 11 - Racing Club Warwick & West Midlands Reserve Force & Cadets Association