

	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 August 2011</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
<b>Title</b>	Comments from the Executive	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Members' Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	N/A	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	12 July 2011	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Executive Agenda – 13 July 2011	

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

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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).		
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director		Bill Hunt
Chief Executive		Chris Elliott
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holders		Councillors Caborn, Coker, Doody, Mrs Gallagher Mrs Grainger, Hammon, Kirton, Mobbs and Shilton.

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

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee of the response the Executive gave to their comments regarding the reports submitted to the Executive on 30 March 2011.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive are noted.

## 3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It ensures that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are formally made aware of the Executive's responses.
- 3.2 Where the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have made a recommendation as opposed to a comment the Executive are required to respond to the recommendation(s) made, including whether or not they accept the recommendation(s).

## 4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 This report is not produced and presented to the Committee.

## 5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 All work for the Committee has to be carried out within existing resources.

## 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 new scrutiny process, the Committee is no longer considering the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 On the day of publication of the Executive agenda all Councillors are sent an e-mail asking them to contact Committee Services, by 10.00am on the day of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to advise which Executive items they would like the Committee to consider.
- 7.3 As a result the Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The response the Executive gave on each item is also shown.
- 7.4 In reviewing these responses Committee can identify any issues for which they would like a progress report. A future report, for example on how the decision has been implemented, would then be submitted to the Committee at an agreed date which would then be incorporated within the work programme.

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee Comments –  
13 July 2011**

<b>Item no.</b>	4	<b>Title</b>	Open Water Safety	<b>Requested by</b>	Labour Group
<b>Reason considered</b>	The Group had questions about the timetable for risk assessments and follow up actions pursuant of the policy				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Committee were reassured of the partnership between the Council ROSPA using a sensible measured approach with the emphasis at assessing the high risks sites first and only installing Personal Rescue Equipment in a couple of appropriate sites.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive thanked the Committee for their comments.				

<b>Item no.</b>	5	<b>Title</b>	Article 4 Direction in Leamington Spa	<b>Requested by</b>	Labour & Lib Dem Groups
<b>Reason considered</b>	The Group had questions about the timetable for risk assessments and follow up actions pursuant of the policy				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	<p>The Committee noted the information circulated in the addendum to the report that was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The Committee were assured that Planning Policy Team would be considering both small and large HMOs to ensure that Council is in a position to respond to the long terms issues that HMO can cause. It was made clear that further policy changes could be required to ensure there was the correct housing balance in local communities. It was noted that any policies needed to be for both small and large HMOs.</p>				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive thanked the Committee for their comments.				

<b>Item no.</b>	10	<b>Title</b>	Match Funding for Health Initiatives	<b>Requested by</b>	Labour Group
<b>Reason considered</b>	The Group asked what sorts of initiatives would be provided locally using this funding				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	<p>The Committee welcomed the money and the initiatives that were being planned by the Council as outlined by Councillor Copping at the meeting, but would appreciate these details being circulated to all members.</p> <p>The Committee had some concerns about ensuring the money delivered benefits to the District and therefore recommended that the recommendation of the report be amended to add the following words at the end of the recommendation:</p> <p>“subject to the agreed programme of work, in particular looking at drug and alcohol abuse, with measurable outcomes.”</p>				

<b>Executive Response</b>	<p>The Executive sympathised with the Scrutiny Committee’s comments but did not think now was the time to alter this, as the programme had been set and had already gone out to tender. Councillor Doody advised that it was not possible to change the focus or priorities at this stage because the Council had been guided by the PCT and would be supplementing works rather than leading on projects.</p> <p>Members were reminded that the list of work was contained in the action plan and copies of this could be circulated to them if necessary.</p> <p>Councillor Mobbs advised that an amendment needed to be made to paragraph 5.1 of the report to state that ‘the current contingency budget stands at £246,100’ not at £220,000 as previously stated.</p>
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