



Title	Comments from the Executive
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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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	7 May 2014
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 8 May 2014

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

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).		
	Date	Name
Relevant Director		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holders		

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

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 in May.

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 09.00am 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 meetings of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments –
7 May 2014**

Item no.	4	Title	Council HQ Relocation Project – Update Report	Requested by	Labour Group, Liberal Democrat Group
Reason considered	<p>Labour Group – Members had a number of questions about this major project and the information in the report.</p> <p>Liberal Democrat Group – Because of the significant public interest.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee does not support any of the recommendations in the report and recommends that the Executive refers the decision to Full Council and this decision should be based on a further evaluation of all the sites in Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>It further recommends that a Green Travel Plan should be further advanced because some Members of Overview and Scrutiny were not convinced that there would not be a net loss of parking spaces. (The Committee recognise that a Green Travel Plan is not a site based issue.)</p> <p>A lot more work should be done on the future of the Town Hall and this needs to be progressed more quickly.</p> <p>If the Executive approves the recommendations in the report, then the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Stage 3 decision point in the report is not taken until after the elections in May 2015.</p>				
Executive Response	<p>The Executive took on board the comments and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and, in response, agreed the recommendations as detailed in the addendum.</p> <p>Resolved to recommend to Council on 25 June 2014 that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="320 1541 1460 1615">(1) Council notes the review findings as set out at Appendix One to the report; <li data-bbox="320 1648 1460 1823">(2) Council confirms that the Spa Centre site will be the location of the Council’s new HQ offices, subject to successful progression of the project from Stage 2 to Stage 3 following the completion of the scheme viability tests and their formal ‘sign-off’ by both the LLP and the Council; <li data-bbox="320 1861 1460 1966">(3) Council agrees that potential future options for the sites listed in Appendix One will be considered through the development of a Leamington Town Centre Area Action Plan; <li data-bbox="320 2004 1460 2072">(4) Council notes that the sub-group of the Members Reference Group will be involved in the development of the draft planning application 				

	<p>and accompanying Green Travel Plan and that these will be brought to Council for consideration prior to submission;</p> <p>(5) Council notes that any delay in the HQ office relocation will cost the Council and Council Tax payers up to £350k per year; and</p> <p>(6) the Executive instructs officers to agree with the Group Leaders a programme of member briefings, to ensure that all Councillors are able to make an informed decision on 25 June.</p>
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