

 Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee – 3 January 2018		Agenda Item No. 5
Title	Comments from the Executive	
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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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?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	Executive – 08.02.2017	

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
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer	19/10/2017	Andrew Jones
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		
Consultation & Community Engagement		
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 29 November 2017.

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

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. **Policy Framework**

4.1 **Fit for the Future (FFF)**

The Council's FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council's FFF Strategy.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
Nil	Nil	Nil
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost

All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	Increase the digital provision of services	management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
Nil	Nil	Dialogue between Scrutiny and Executive enables robust decision making and ensures all elements of the proposal are taken into account.

4.2 **Supporting Strategies**

Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies; however, this report is for governance purposes. It is important that when the Executive has not accepted a recommendation by the Scrutiny Committee, an explanation is provided.

4.3 **Changes to Existing Policies**

There are no changes to existing policies.

4.4 **Impact Assessments**

There are no new policy changes in respect of equalities.

5. **Budgetary Framework**

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

6. **Risks**

- 6.1 This Committee contributes to the effective minimisation of risk by fulfilling its duties in a timely manner and scrutinising the work undertaken by the Executive.

7. **Alternative Option(s) considered**

- 7.1 The only alternative option is not to undertake this aspect of the overview and scrutiny function.

8. **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 4 April 2017, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in the appendices. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 29 November 2017 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

Item no	3	Title	General Fund Base Budgets 2018/19
Scrutiny Comment		The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report including the additional recommendations relating to a CIL officer post, as detailed in the addendum. In relation to the additional recommendation 2.10 relating to Racing Club Warwick, Members felt that every effort should be made to recover the cost of this work. Therefore, it was proposed that:	
		<div> <p>The Executive ensure that the terms of the agreement should endeavour to recover the cost of the works.</p> <p>The Executive are required to vote on this because it forms a recommendation to them.</p> </div>	
Executive Response		<p>Recommendations 2.10 i) & ii) detailed in the addendum were agreed as written but recommendation 2.10 iii) was amended following the comments made by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, to read:</p> <p>"That agreement for the terms of the funding is delegated to the Chief Executive and Head of Finance in consultation with the Business and Finance Portfolio Holders respectively and the terms of any agreement should endeavour to recover the cost of the works."</p>	

Item no	4	Title	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budgets Latest 2017/18 and Base 2018/19
Scrutiny Comment		The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	
Executive Response		The Executive noted the comment.	

Item no	6	Title	Corporate Apprenticeship Fund
Scrutiny Comment		The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	
Executive Response		The Executive noted the comment.	