



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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	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

Officer/Councillor Approval		
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Officer Approval	Date	Name
Deputy Chief Executive		
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 summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 8 March 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. 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 4 January 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 8 March 2017 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

Item no	7	Title	Bereavement Services – enhanced service provision
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee fully supported the recommendations in the report.		
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved.		

Item no	10	Title	Review of Approach to unauthorised encampments
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report, including the additional recommendation 2.7 as circulated in the addendum. Members highlighted the need to move forward with the identification of suitable sites at the earliest opportunity and welcomed the move to publicise the Council's responsibilities on the website. In addition, Members were pleased that a definitive Agency Contact list would be included in the protocol and requested that this be made available to all Councillors.		
Executive Response	<p>The recommendations in the report were approved subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 being amended so that the measures are implemented over the next 12 months; • Note that appendix 5, 'Sites proposed for situational measures', should include Newbold Comyn, but that the present costs of this scheme are unknown and therefore, if additional funding was required outside the 5% contingency, a further report would be brought back to the Executive; • An additional recommendation be added stating that the area shown on Plan 2, as circulated at the meeting, should be included within the lease with the Jockey Club provided that they take responsibility for installing preventative measures as a matter of urgency and subject to an agreement on rent; • That once the works start all Councillors will be notified of the details and asked if there is further Warwick District land that should be considered for preventative measures. 		

Item no	11	Title	St Mary's Lands Delivery Plan for 2017/18
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and commended the Working Party for their work to date.		
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved.		

Item no's	12	Title	Request for Funding for a Community Hub in Norton Lindsey
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations but raised concerns that due to the request for funding coming from a limited company, which had the ability to sell shares, the Council should ensure its contribution was protected should the premises be sold on in the future. Therefore, the Committee agreed that an additional recommendation should be included as follows:</p> <p>The Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee recommended that a covenant be added to any agreement to ensure that if the Community Hub were to be sold on in the future, there would be a mechanism to recoup any contributions made by the Council.</p>		
Executive Response	<p>The Executive welcomed the suggestion from the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee and while they did not agree with the precise wording, they did agree to an additional recommendation 2.1.8 that an appropriate agreement be put in place to recover the contribution made by this Council if the venture fails or the property is sold.</p> <p>Subject to the above, the recommendations in the report were approved.</p>		

Item no's	13A	Title	Procurement Exemptions – CIL Viability and Retail Planning
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report subject to the removal of the repeat wording in recommendation 2.2.		
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved.		