

***Summary of comments made on the Executive Agenda for
Thursday 31 May 2018***

3. Student Housing Strategy

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee welcome and support the Policy in general and welcome that some of the recommendations from the HMO Task & Finish Group are included within the document.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee expressed concerns that the aims did specifically address the concerns about over-concentration of students in some areas through a dispersal strategy.

5. A creative Hub for Channel 4 in Leamington Spa

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted that Leamington had not been shortlisted for the Creative hub and therefore recommendations 2.1 to 2.3 were withdrawn.

The Committee were pleased to hear that feedback on the bid had been sought. The Committee also welcomed that officers would share more details of the business plan for using the money requested in the report in due course, including how the "Talent pipeline shortage" may be addressed.

6. Heritage Lottery Bid: Warwick District Council Working in partnership with the Lord Leycester Hospital

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted that the project was now valued at £3million with a request for circa £2 million from the HLF. However the contribution of £100k from WDC was still required because we were partly responsible for the maintenance of the Wall

7. Funding for Kenilworth School's Relocation to south Crest Farm

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

9. Catering & Events Concessions Contract – Royal Pump Rooms and Jephson Gardens Glasshouse

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the current estimates of return to the Council under the proposal were lower than actual and budgeted, but accepted that this will be revisited during the next stage of detailed negotiations if the approach was approved. There was recognition that there may be risks with this contract that need to be treated with caution. These risks included managing the quality of the provision, the challenges of a three way agreement, ensuring that the contract performs well for both the council and the community in terms of being inclusive and welcoming for all as well as providing a financial return. It was recognised however that success in delivering such services depended on the character and experience of the business leader and that local teams often perform more strongly.

The Committee also noted that the proposed approach conforms with procurement policy, as it was specified in the recently awarded overarching contract.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee welcome and support the report but would like to see robust monitoring of the contract from the outset.

(NB The Overview & Scrutiny Committee reviewed recommendations 2.1 to 2.3 because they felt 2.4 onwards were recommendations F&A should consider).

10. **Relocation of Kenilworth Wardens**

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in report, especially the potential for investment in affordable housing.

11. **MHCLG Rough Sleepers Initiative 2018-20**

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted that the Council is lobbying Government for ongoing funding for this area of work to mitigate the risks of costs having to be met from the HRA, especially after 2020 where there is great uncertainty on funding. However they fully supported the measures being proposed to be implemented by September. They also noted that by 2020 the situation could have changed, both because of the nature of the work and because of the Government's policy of giving additional responsibility and funding to WCC for sheltered and supported accommodation, in collaboration with WDC. The Committee welcomed the report with great enthusiasm

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee welcomed the report but had questions on what happens in two years when the MHCLG funding ceased?

14. **Europa Way Update**

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the report and agreed to hold an extra meeting on 11 June for F&A to consider one aspect of this report.