

 <b>Finance &amp; Audit Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>30 September 2015</b>		<b>Agenda Item No. 8</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments from the Executive</b>	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Civic & Committee 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006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>	n/a	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee minutes 2/9/2015 Executive minutes from 3/9/2015	

<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>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Deputy Chief Executive		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holders		

<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 summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 3 September 2015.

## **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 2 September 2015, 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 3 September 2015 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments**

<b>Item no</b>	3	<b>Title</b>	St Mary's Lands
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. Members were mindful that this report was not only about Racing Club Warwick but recognised that this was a new start and a positive way forward for the club.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive welcomed the comments of the Scrutiny Committee and agreed that this was a small step forward for this area of Warwick and a move to a more positive relationship with all relevant parties especially Racing Club Warwick.		

<b>Item no</b>	5	<b>Title</b>	Housing Stock Condition Survey & Strategic Asset Management
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation.  However, Members were concerned that there was no information contained in the report about the benefits of conducting the stock condition survey. They therefore requested that the Executive ask officers to gather further information on the costs and benefits of the survey, possibly by speaking to other similar sized neighbouring authorities who had been through the process.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive were understanding with the views of Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee and were mindful that Walsall Council had undertaken a similar survey. However, it was difficult to provide comparisons because each Council had its own unique stock portfolio, but they would ask officers to consider this point and look at any potential benefit this could provide the Council.		

<b>Item no</b>	6	<b>Title</b>	Sustainable Community Strategy & Fit For the Future Updates and Service Area Plans 2015/2016
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. Members asked a number of questions around the overall subject of where savings would come from and how income was likely to be generated. Although they were mindful it was early days, the Committee did have genuine concerns & would continue to monitor the situation.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive thanked the Scrutiny Committees for their comments on this item and recognised the need for each business case to be robust and considered in terms of impact both on the community and the budget. However, tough decisions needed to be made to ensure the Council could continue to deliver its services.		

<b>Item no</b>	10	<b>Title</b>	Resolution of Rent Issues – Cadet’s HQ Building
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive approved the recommendations in the report.		

<b>Item no</b>	11	<b>Title</b>	ICT Services – Establishment Changes
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive approved the recommendations in the report.		

<b>Item no</b>	13	<b>Title</b>	Urgent Item – Regulatory (Licensing) Team Restructure
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive approved the recommendations in the report.		