

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments –  
2 March 2011**

Item no.	Title	Requested by	Reason	Comment to Executive	Executive Response
7	Warwickshire Child Poverty Strategy	The Labour Group	Members welcome the priorities set out in the draft strategy but had some questions about co-operation between Councils and delivery of policy.	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee urges Executive to hold Warwickshire County Council to account over the importance and priority of addressing housing need, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for young people and enhance their development prospects. They ask Executive to urge WCC to release some of its land to enable the development of new affordable homes to help tackle the current issues.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were very pleased with Priority Two within the proposed countywide strategy which recognises the value and importance that children centres have within the District.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations and agreed with the key principles set out in the</p>	The Portfolio Holder for Housing addressed the Executive and welcomed the comments from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. She stated that she saw this as an opportunity to continue to work and build good relationships with partners and hoped that small and large businesses would be involved.

				strategy but asked the Executive to recognise that there was a need to support small businesses which could then help to provide job opportunities in addition to major infrastructure projects.	
8	Proposals to Deliver Additional Affordable Housing in Warwick District	The Labour Group  The Liberal Democrat Group	This would be a major step for Warwick District and members had questions about proposed arrangements  Because this may be a real opportunity to provide affordable housing for residents in the District.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee strongly supported the recommendations in the report and asked the Executive to positively consider committing further funding, as suggested in the final bullet point of recommendation 2.1.2, to provide energy saving measures to make the new affordable houses that would be built more cost effective to tenants.  The Overview and Scrutiny Committee also asked that any negotiations on the joint venture partnership should ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved for future tenants in regard to rent levels and security of tenure.	The Executive thanked the scrutiny committees for their comments and agreed to amend recommendation 2.1.3 to read 'and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Housing and Property and Finance Portfolio Holders'.
10	Local Economy	The Liberal Democrat Group	Because of its importance to the District and to the development of the Local Plan.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the report and accepted the recommendations within it.  However, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee wanted the Executive to	The Executive thanked the committee for their comments and stated that they were appreciated.

				<p>recognise the importance of the close link between the Local Plan and a future Economic Strategy and Investment Strategy and the risk of these not being fully and correctly aligned.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recognised that Warwick District was performing well but that the sub-region as a whole was underperforming.</p>	
15	Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership	The Labour Group	Members had questions about engagement of Warwick District in the LEP and potential benefits.	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations.</p> <p>There were concerns from the Committee that Warwick District Council may not have sufficient influence on the CWLEP Board and urged the Executive to recognise the importance of the Leaders of the District and Borough Councils holding meetings synchronised with the CWLEP Board timetable to ensure their representative is able to feed in any comments, views or concerns.</p> <p>Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were also looking forward to seeing the high level objectives mentioned within the</p>	The Executive thanked the Overview & Scrutiny committee for their comments and were mindful that it was important that the Council's opinions were expressed, as one of the main economic drivers in the area.

				report turn into projects with Warwick District Council being part of delivering them.	
16	Discretionary Travel Scheme	The Labour Group	Members wished to discuss Warwick District response in the light of the information provided in supplementary papers about Warwickshire County's position.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that this report should be withdrawn from the Executive agenda to allow for further consideration following the new information received regarding Warwickshire County Council's position on funding for the Flexibus scheme.	This item be withdrawn from the agenda.
21E	Public Health White Papers – Warwick Districts Response	The Labour Group	Members felt public and representatives comments (as well as the comments of the Executive) should be reflected in responding to the consultation.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee RECOMMENDED to Executive that:  Recommendation 2.3 within the report be amended to replace the word 'Executive' with 'Council' to allow feedback and comments from the Health Forum meeting taking place on 7 March 2011.	The Executive thanked the committee for their comments and agreed that the wording should be changed.
23	Kenilworth Public Service Centre	The Liberal Democrat Group	Because of its significant importance as the last major development site in the town centre of Kenilworth.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations and agreed that the proposals put forward were excellent. Members also felt that the opportunity to purchase the Police Station should be seized whilst it was still available to Warwick District	The Executive thanked the committees for their comments and highlighted the transformation that had taken place in Kenilworth over the past five years. Members felt that this was a further

				Council.	opportunity to continue with the successful regeneration of the town and thanked all officers, in particular the Chief Executive, for their hard work and contribution so far.
25	Former Doctors Surgery, 'Treharrook' Calley Road, Lillington	The Liberal Democrat Group	Because Members wished to discuss an amendment to the recommendation.	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted that the original covenant was put in place specifically to put a doctor's surgery within the area to develop a healthy community.</p> <p>They therefore felt that the money received from the release of the covenant should be spent in the same way.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee RECOMMENDED to Executive that:</p> <p>The full sum of £32,500 that the Council is to receive following the release of the restrictive covenant is spent within the Lillington area to improve the health of the community.</p>	<p>In response, the Executive stated that it was not reasonable to restrict the funds received within the Lillington area as it should be used for the betterment of the District as a whole. Paragraph 5.2 of the report stated that the income would be placed in the Housing Revenue Account and would be used for social housing purposes.</p> <p>Therefore, the recommendation was refused.</p> <p>The Executive thanked the committee for their comments.</p>