



Title	Comments from the Executive
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Service Area	Members' 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	Finance & Audit minutes 13/12/2011 & Executive minutes 14/12/2011

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		
With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Deputy Chief Executive	20.12.2011	Andrew Jones
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance		Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holders		Councillors Caborn, Coker, Doody, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Grainger, Hammon, Mobbs, Shilton and Vincett

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 14 December 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive be noted.

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 new 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 9.00am 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 13 December 2011, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The responses which Executive gave are also shown.

APPENDIX 1

Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 14 December 2011 on the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's Comments

Item no.	4	Title	Technical Reform of Council Tax	Requested by	Cllr Dagg
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications for the Council and residents.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported retaining the status quo, which was to ask residents to pay Council Tax over the course of 10 months (with 2 months when no instalments are due to be paid, but with an option to pay over 12 months if preferred), which consultation had shown residents were happy with.				
Executive Response	The Portfolio Holder for Finance agreed with the comments made by the Committee.				
Item no.	5	Title	Local Government Pension Scheme Consultation	Requested by	Chair
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications for the Council.				
Scrutiny Comment	Supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	Thanked for the Committee for its comments.				
Item no.	6	Title	Peer Challenge	Requested by	Officers
Reason considered					
Scrutiny Comment	A joint meeting of the Scrutiny Committees received a presentation on this item, asked questions in relation to the process, timeframe and benefits, but did not pass comment.				
Executive Response	Felt the joint meeting was very useful.				

Item no.	8 & 12	Title	Retail Development in Leamington Town Centre	Requested by	Chair
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	Thanked the Committee for its support.				

Item no.	9	Title	Rural / Urban Capital Improvement Initiative Scheme	Requested by	Cllr Rhead
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	Thanked the Committee for its support.				

Item no.	11	Title	Allocation of budget to deliver Voluntary Sector Services in Warwick District 2012-2015	Requested by	Chair & Cllr Mrs Sawdon
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee were pleased with the even handed approach taken to the process and supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	Thanked all Councillors and officers involved in the process and congratulated all those concerned.				

Item no.	13	Title	Approval of Compensation Payment	Requested by	Chair
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee noted that officers would clarify a point in respect of compensation, agreed that decisions should be taken in accordance with Atkins Report recommendations and supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	Withdrawn from the agenda to allow officers sufficient time to investigate an issue raised by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee.				

Item no.	14	Title	Sale of Art Gallery	Requested by	Chair
Reason considered	To consider the financial implications.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, although a minority view was expressed that sale should be deferred until the market was more favourable.				
Executive Response	Thanked the Committee for its comments.				