



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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	11 February 2014
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 12 February 2014

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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	Date	Name
Relevant Director		
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 informs the Committee of the response the Executive gave to their comments regarding the reports submitted to the Executive in February.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive are noted.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It ensures that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are formally made aware of the Executive's responses.
- 3.2 Where the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have made a recommendation as opposed to a comment the Executive are required to respond to the recommendation(s) made, including whether or not they accept the recommendation(s).

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 This report is not produced and presented to the Committee.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 All work for the Committee has to be carried out within existing resources.

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 is no longer considering the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 On the day of publication of the Executive agenda all Councillors are sent an e-mail asking them to contact Committee Services, by 09.00am on the day of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to advise which Executive items they would like the Committee to consider.
- 7.3 As a result the Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The response the Executive gave on each item is also shown.
- 7.4 In reviewing these responses Committee can identify any issues for which they would like a progress report. A future report, for example on how the decision has been implemented, would then be submitted to the Committee at an agreed date which would then be incorporated within the work programme.

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments –
12 February 2014**

Item no.	9	Title	Assets Review – Update Report	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Members had questions about sites identified and proposed feasibility studies.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had concerns on how the conclusions were reached as shown in Appendix 1 of the report and questioned the criteria for how the Council was prioritising the assets. It was felt that the use of Ward Boundaries gave a false impression.				
Executive Response	Following the Overview and Scrutiny meeting, Members had received and explanations from the Deputy Chief Executive (BH) which clarified their questions. The Executive agreed the recommendations as written.				

Item no.	11	Title	Peer Challenge Improvement Plan Update	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Members had questions about issues raised and the Council's response.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee felt that the Leader of the Council should encourage people to participate. The Committee welcomed recommendation 2.4 and making available £8,000 for mentoring support providing it would be available for all councillors to take part. The Committee was pleased with the efforts to provide information to other councillors.				
Executive Response	Members applauded the mentoring facility stating that it was a valuable tool which all Members should consider taking advantage of. Having read the report and having heard the representations from the Scrutiny Committees, the Executive decided to agree the recommendations as written.				

Item no.	12	Title	2 nd Warwick Sea Scouts' Headquarters	Requested by	Councillor Mrs Bromley
Reason considered	Councillor Mrs Bromley – To request further information.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was broadly in favour of the recommendations but great care must be taken with the proposals at planning applications stage. The Committee suggested that the Sea				

	Scouts might consider approaching Severn Trent to move the pipe and to pay for the hut.
Executive Response	<p>Members were full of praise for the organisation and the smartness and manner in which they presented themselves through the District. It was hoped that better facilities would encourage even more families to get involved.</p> <p>Councillor MacKay fully supported the report and reminded Members that this troop had a very high reputation, following inspections carried out by Senior Royal Naval inspectors.</p> <p>Members were mindful of a letter from the Warwickshire Gardens Trust prior to the meeting and hoped that some of the concerns could be taken on board.</p> <p>Having read the report and having heard the representations from the Scrutiny Committees, the Executive decided to agree the recommendations as written.</p>

Item no.	13	Title	Car Parking – National Bowls Championships	Requested by	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	To ensure a full discussion of how to combine the needs of a successful National Bowls Championship with the full use of Victoria Park during the Summer holiday by local people.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that recommendation 2.7 is highlighted for importance. The Committee recognises that this year's event is in the nature of a trial and recommends that the review report is produced by the end of the year based on similar lines to the last Bowls event review. It also recommends that the Friends of Victoria Park are consulted, along with local residents and users of the park as part of the review process.				
Executive Response	In response to the recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Cross was happy to amend the wording of recommendation 2.7 to make it more robust but highlighted that this would be a review of the 2014 event with the findings and lessons learned being reported to the Executive in January 2015.				

Item no.	16	Title	Public Service Network (PSN) Compliance	Requested by	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	Because of its importance to the effective working of the Council.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that further review on the feasibility of separating the email system from the PSN is				

	undertaken to allow access to emails in a more flexible manner.
Executive Response	Members supported the investigation into separating the email system from PSN.