



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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	29 May 2012
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 30 May 2012

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 May.

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 –
30 May 2012**

Item no.	4	Title	Oakley Wood Improvement Report	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	The Labour Group requested this item because of the importance of this service.				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee made the following suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pricing structure should move towards the National Average 2. A concession given to residents should remain 3. The Executive should consider providing "Jump Seats" for larger funerals to prevent large numbers of people being forced to stand 4. The Executive should find out why there is a delay with receiving legal advice over the Lodge (item 6.3 in the report) <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported improvements and investment at Oakley Wood Crematorium and positively supported the idea that it was a service that should be provided by the Council.</p>				
Executive Response	<p>The Executive did not feel that it was the right direction to move towards the National Average but would bear it in mind in this competitive market place.</p> <p>They agreed that the jump seats were a good idea.</p> <p>They assured O & S that legal negotiations were still taking place with the resident at the Lodge and they would keep them updated.</p> <p>Overall, they thanked O & S for their comments and stated that the pricing policy would remain and be reviewed as parts of the fees and charges process.</p>				

Item no.	5 & 8	Title	Feasibility Study of Leamington Assets – Parts A & B	Requested by	Labour Group Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	<p>The Labour Group requested this item because of the importance of these assets to WDC services and to Leamington.</p> <p>The Liberal Democrat Group requested this item as these are of considerable importance and would have a significant impact.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee felt that the reports were good and supported all of the recommendations in the reports but there needs to be considerable due diligence before decisions are made. The Committee made the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee supported the Partnership approach but had concerns. It was pleased that due diligence would be undertaken 2. In respect of Part B of the report, the Committee wanted the Executive to fully ensure it understood the implications, and would fully support due diligence 3. The new Head Office should be purchased, not leased 4. The Committee supported urban and economic regeneration with the relocation of the Head Office 5. A previous feasibility study had been undertaken concerning the Town Hall. (Councillors Mrs Falp, Mrs Blacklock and Gifford had been involved.) This should be used to avoid duplication of effort 6. The Town Hall should become a model on how to produce a "Green" Grade II Listed Building 7. The new Head Office should also be "Green" 				
Executive Response	<p>The Executive assured O & S that due diligence would be undertaken and they agreed with comments made by O & S regarding a "Green" Head Office.</p>				