

	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee 26 July 2016	Agenda Item No. 6
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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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	n/a
Background Papers	

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		
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 summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 29 June 2016.

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 9 February 2016, 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 6 April 2016 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

Item no	4	Title	Renewal of Fire Alarm Systems in Sheltered Housing Schemes
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations and thanked the officers for a clear and concise report.		
Executive Response	The Executive did not provide a response.		

Item no	5	Title	Multi Storey Car Park Condition Survey Report - Update
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but asked that the timeline for the tendering of the works, award of the contract, start of the works and completion of the works should be circulated to the Executive on 29 June 2016.		
Executive Response	<p>Councillor Shilton, informed the Executive that the timeline for the works, once funding was approved, would be; tender using Pick Everard framework with contract award by early July. Work starting as soon as contractor could be engaged but no later than end of September 2016. The works would take no more than three weeks and could be completed by closing off individual parking bays and relocating cars from floor to floor.</p> <p>Councillor Shilton explained that a contingency budget had been included within for some potential rebar work but this should not impact, significantly, on the time required to complete the works.</p> <p>Councillor Shilton explained that the Project Manager would require specialist knowledge in car parking that no officer within the Council held. In addition the cost of the role would be lower than that detailed in the report, with any residual budget being returned to the contingency budget.</p>		

Item no	8	Title	Use of Delegated Powers: Electrical Repair & Maintenance Contract Groups
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee had significant concerns about this report and welcomed that a report would be brought back to them on 31 August 2016 on the further audit work and how the issues will be addressed. The Committee had concerns that the contents of the report regarding procurement appeared to repeat previous issues that had occurred and had not been learned from. The Committee were in agreement that the lack of learning could not continue. The Committee anticipated that the follow up report would be presented to the		

	Executive so they can commit to supporting any proposals within it. The Committee felt there was a need to address cultural and management issues around this matter and these should be considered as part of the report in August 2016.
Executive Response	Response not available as yet.

Item no	11	Title	Housing Benefits and Council Tax Reduction
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee had no comment on the report but requested that future reports include details of savings as a result of using the system.		
Executive Response	The Executive thanked the Scrutiny Committee and agreed that this would be useful information to see in the future.		

Item no	12	Title	Agenda Item 8 – Private & Confidential Appendix 2
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the appendix.		
Executive Response	The Executive did not provide a response.		

Item no	13	Title	Service Re-Design Update
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
Executive Response	The Executive did not provide a response.		