

	Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 30 August 2017	Agenda Item No. 4
Title	Comments from the Executive	
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Service Area	Democratic 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	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	25 July 2017	
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 28 June 2017 and 26 July 2017	

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).		
	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 26 July 2017.
- 1.2 Due to an oversight at the last Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting, information about comments made by the Executive at its meeting 28 June 2017 on the Task & Finish Group's Off-Road Car Parking Charges Review report were missing from the "Comments from the Executive" report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee. These comments from the Executive are now included in this report.

2. **Recommendation**

- 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 Option 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 meetings of the Executive on the Task & Finish Group –
Off-Street Car parking Charges Review Report – 28 June 2017**

Items no.	8	Title	Task & Finish Group – Off-street car parking charges review	Requested by	O&S
Reason considered	A report from a Task & Finish Group was approved by O&S at its meeting 31 May 2017 for consideration by the Executive.				
Executive Response	The Executive noted the report and would consider it in more detail in conjunction with the results from the consultation arising from the Draft Car Parking Strategy. The Executive thanked the Task and Finish Group for the work done which would be very useful.				

**Response from the meetings of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments – 26 July 2017**

Items no.	4	Title	Fire Safety in High-Rise Buildings	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	To find out more about WDC’s actions and timescales in relation to implementation of the recommendation.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and praised the actions taken so far. The Committee looks forward to the next report and seeing the timescales.				
A suggested amendment to the report issued prior to consideration by the Executive, but following the meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Committee	<p>The Head of Finance revisited Item 4 Fire Safety in High-Rise Buildings, due to be considered by the Executive. On reflection due to the value of the additional works being proposed, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Financial Practice, the increased budget requires the approval of Council.</p> <p>Therefore recommendation 2.2 should be amended to read as follows:</p> <p><i>“That Council delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (BH) in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, to agree additional expenditure in 2017/18 for fire safety works to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) properties, utilising the unallocated balances on the Major Repairs Reserve.”</i></p> <p>If approved by the Executive this evening this aspect of the report will be referred to Council for consideration on 9 August 2017.</p> <p>Recommendation 2.1, 2.3 and 2.4 within the report remain as decisions for the Executive to take.</p>				

Executive Response	<p>The Executive confirmed that the next report was expected to come forward in November 2017.</p> <p>The Executive recommended to Council that authority was delegated to the DCX (BH) in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, to agree additional expenditure in 2017/18 for fire safety works to Housing Revenue Account properties, utilising the unallocated balances on the Major Repairs Reserve.</p> <p>The Executive resolved that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the contents of this report be noted; (2) subject to agreement of Council, above, that fire safety works to front doors to, and fire detection equipment within, leasehold flats within the nine designated blocks, listed at Appendix One, will 'in principle' be funded by the HRA; and (3) a further report will be presented to the Executive when WFRS have re-inspected the Council's nine designated blocks of six-storeys or above.
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Items no.		Title	Requested by
7		Environmental Enforcement Service Delivery Options	Labour Group
Reason considered	To understand further the rationale behind the recommendations and how option 2 was chosen as the way forward.		
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported Option 2 in the report recommendations.</p> <p>The Committee strongly recommended that enforcement through the Courts should be looked at, something that would be welcomed by residents.</p> <p>The Committee stressed that enforcement should not focus solely on South Leamington, but was required across the whole District.</p>		
Executive Response	<p>The Executive agreed with the recommendations from O&S and resolved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a shared service with a neighbouring local authority, is adopted as the preferred method of managing environmental enforcement, and to investigate this option further; (2) a further report be brought in September 2017 which provides full details of the cost, time scale for implementation, and scope of service; and (3) enforcement through the courts be looked at; along with enforcement should relate to the whole of the District. 		