



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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee minutes 28/7/2015 Executive minutes from 29/07/2015

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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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 July 2015.

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 30 June 2015, 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 29 July 2015 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

Item no	3	Title	Budget Review to 30 June 2015
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee noted the report.		
Executive Response	No comment		

Item no	4	Title	Gypsies and Travellers – update on the progress of the Development Plan Document to allocate sites
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but had concerns about the wording of recommendation 2.4 regarding the use of compulsory purchase orders.</p> <p>The Committee therefore recommended that recommendation 2.4 be amended so that it is explicit that Compulsory Purchase Options should only be a last resort</p>		
Executive Response	The formal recommendation put forward by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee was not supported and the reason for this will be detailed in the full minutes.		

Item no	5	Title	Exemption from the Code of Procurement Practice – Provision of Support and Re-settlement Service
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee expressed disappointment in another request for an exemption to the procurement practice. While they noted the late decision by WCC on this matter they felt this report could have come forward to the Executive earlier.</p> <p>The Committee recognised that if the WCC remove this funding there would be tough choices on this area of work.</p> <p>That said the Committee supported the recommendations of the report.</p>		
Executive Response	The Executive felt the comments were unfair because the matter was outside the control of the Council due the County Council decision and purdah for the local elections in May 2015.		

Item no	6	Title	Exemption from the Code of Procurement Practice – Cost Management Services
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee were of the opinion that the Housing & Property Services contract register should have identified this issue earlier and ideally before the contract expired in May 2015.</p> <p>That said the Committee supported the recommendations of the report.</p>		
Executive Response	No comment		

Item no	8A	Title	Significant Business Risk Register
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee asked the Executive to reconsider the wording on the register item for the Local Plan, because it has been found as unsound and there are risks associated now associated with this which should be recorded.</p>		
Executive Response	<p>Following the comment made by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, it was agreed that officers would look at the wording relating to the description of risk 16, to ensure clarity.</p>		

Item no	8B	Title	Rural / Urban Capital Improvement Scheme (RUCIS) Application
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee asked the Executive that as there would be a significant underspend for this year, therefore could the Executive could confirm that this money will be rolled over to next years' budget?</p>		
Executive Response	<p>Following the comment made by Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, the Executive agreed that in light of the earlier budget report, and as it was only July, it would be premature to confirm that any monies would be rolled over to next year's budget.</p>		