

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on F&A and O&S Committees'
Comments – 10 July 2019**

Item no.		Title	Requested by	
5		Commonwealth Games 2022 (CG 2022) – CWLEP funding bid		Labour Group
Reason considered	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost of bridge £90,000, felt to be too much as a short detour to bridge on Princes Drive; can this money be better spent? 2. What are planned routes for electric buses, are Warwick and Kenilworth to be included? 3. Lodge development in Victoria Park, what are the long term number of employees based here for Bowls England? What are the likely numbers coming and going to these offices? Will this change the nature of park entrance? 			
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee welcomed the report and supported the recommendations.			
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were approved.			

Item no.		Title	Requested by	
9		Plastic Free Resolution for Leamington & Warwick and Plastics Policy Update		Labour Group
Reason considered	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the proactive steps taken to restrict plastic use at events, e.g. Half Marathon at the weekend – lots of plastic bottles in evidence and needed clearing up? 2. Are there plans for water fountains in our towns as refill points? 3. Are new contracts ambitious enough in lowering plastic use? 4. How is our plastic disposed of? 			
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee welcomed the report and supported the recommendation and urged that speedy progress be made to go further.</p> <p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee also recommended that the words "plastic free" were replaced with "single-use plastic free".</p>			
Executive Response	<p>The recommendation from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to replace the words "plastic free" with "single-use plastic free" was rejected. Instead, an additional recommendation was approved, to read "<i>authority is delegated to the Head of Health & Community Protection in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Health & Community Protection and Business & Environment, and Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to agree on a suitable re-wording.</i>"</p> <p>This was because the proposal from the Committee would have required significant changes to the report and instead, this additional recommendation would enable a dialogue to take place in order to ensure the aim was achieved.</p>			

Item no.	10	Title	WDC Discretionary Housing Payment Policy Review	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	<p>In terms of looking at all the items on the agenda and amounts of spend being planned, the budget of £160,835 does seem very low on this. This is at a time when many are struggling with weeks waiting time for Universal Credit and many benefits being cut.</p> <p>Our worry is the provision is inadequate, meaning many stresses and strains on individuals and families, leading to many more problems.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	The recommendations in the report were agreed.				

Item no.	3	Title	Role of the Chairman of the Council – Task & Finish Group	Requested by	Labour Group
Background	<p>The Executive considered a report from Democratic Services bringing forward recommendations on the role of the Chairman of the Council following a Task & Finish Group Review as agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 2 April 2019.</p> <p>A Task & Finish Group was formed in October 2017 by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to undertake the review as set out within the defined scope, attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The Membership of the Group was established as Councillors Ashford, Mrs Knight and Margrave. The Group concluded its work in spring 2019 and its recommendations were supported by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 2 April 2019.</p>				
Executive Response	<p>The Executive:</p> <p>Recommended to Council that</p> <p>(1) the proposed revisions to Article 5 of the Constitution as set out at Appendix 3 to the report, be made, subject to an amendment to Appendix 3, Section 6, on page 11 in the report, to read "to host or attend events or functions they determine appropriate.", and remove the rest of the paragraph after the word "appropriate".</p> <p><i>(Council will consider this on 4 September 2019.)</i></p> <p>Resolved that</p> <p>(1) the current budget for supporting the Chairman is appropriate, but that in light of the underspend on their allowance over each of the last four years, this should be reduced by £1,500 per annum as part of the 2020/21 budget, be accepted;</p> <p>(2) in the event of relocation to a new HQ, a room is not dedicated solely for the chairman's use, but a suitable room be made available to the chairman for use when inviting guests or meeting with staff, be agreed;</p> <p>(3) the updated guidance/protocol for leading on events as set out at</p>				

	<p>Appendix 7 to report, be welcome;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(4) a review of the current civic gifts with the Chairman's office will be undertaken with a view as to how these can be made more publically accessible or if appropriate disposed of, be noted;(5) the Chairman be asked to undertake a review of the purpose and arrangements for Annual Council, including who is invited and they report on this to Council by no later than November 2019;(6) a report will be brought back to Scrutiny in July 2020, by officers in liaison with the Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, that reviews the impact of these recommendations, if they are agreed by Council, be noted; and(7) in addition to (5) above, the Executive would expect this report to include details of the events, including fundraising events, that the Chairman had attended and the cost of attending those events.
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