



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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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 minutes 06/08/2013 & Executive minutes 07/08/2013

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		Andrew Jones
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance		Jenny Clayton
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 7 August 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted.

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 6 August 2013, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

APPENDIX 1**Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 7 August 2013 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments**

Item no	4	Title	Budget Review to 30th June 2013	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	While some concern was expressed over the level of savings which the Council would still need to achieve in the future, the Committee was encouraged by the savings achieved in recent years and supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response					

Item no	5	Title	Brunswick Healthy Living Centre	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	Notwithstanding that the Committee felt that there should have been more substance in the report, Members recognised that this was a positive project aimed at getting people back in to work, asked that it be emphasised to the people of Brunswick that the Council had given its financial support for one year only, and supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response					

Item no	6	Title	Proposal for the Delivery of on-street Enforcement across Warwickshire	Requested by	Cllr Mrs Syson
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee noted that, in respect of the second recommendation, it was intended that the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees would represent the Council alongside the Portfolio Holder for Finance at the meeting with the County Council on 4 September, and supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no	7	Title	Exception to the Code of Procurement Practice	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no	8	Title	Upgrade to Linen Street Car Park	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report, with an additional recommendation to the Executive, that officers be asked to investigate opening Linen Street Car Park until midnight on a daily basis and that efforts be made to ensure that this arrangement be cost neutral.				
Executive Response	The additional recommendation proposed by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee was accepted.				

A confidential item on the Executive agenda - item 12 "Staffing Reviews" - was also considered and is detailed under a separate confidential appendix.