

 Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 February 2013		Agenda Item No. 5
Title	Comments from the Executive	
For further information about this report please contact	Lesley Dury, Committee Services Officer, 01926 456114 or committee@warwickdc.gov.uk	
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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	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	8 January 2013	
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 9 January 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).		
	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 in January.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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 OPTIONS 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 meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments –
9 January 2013**

Item no.	6	Title	Provisions of WDC Legal Services	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	Members had some questions about WDC service use and cost management.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee felt that the arrangement for legal services with WCC had worked well when advice was required by our Planning, Licensing and Regulatory Committees. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee suggested that it would be useful if half-yearly meetings between the Chairman of our Planning, Licensing and Regulatory Committees could be arranged with Ian Marriott, if the Chairmen felt it helpful.				
Executive Response	The Executive thanked the Committee for its comments and agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.				

Item no.	7	Title	Annual Monitoring Report and Local Development Scheme	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	These are important overviews of planning in the District and Members had some comments about priorities.				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was concerned that the timetable set for the Local Plan (Appendices 2 & 3) would not override the Town Centres' Action Plans. It was noted that the start of the Leamington Spa Action Plan had been delayed to get the Local Plan in force.</p> <p>The Committee also wanted clarification on whether the Kenilworth Action Plan was going to the Executive in May 2013, ahead of the Leamington Spa and Warwick Actions Plans, which were going to Executive in 2017.</p>				
Executive Response	The Chief Executive, Chris Elliot, advised Members that the Kenilworth Town Council consultation results regarding the Local Plan would be fed through and ultimately reside in their Town Action Plan but advised that the LDS and the Local Plan were not the same thing.				