

Response from the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments

Item Number	Title	Requested by	Reason	Comment to the Executive	Executive Response and Decision
4	Free Swimming Programme	Liberal Democrat Group	The importance of any decision on a large section of the public.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but felt the Executive should be aware of the dangers of government funding not being adequate and that there were hidden costs which were not contained in the report e.g. cleaning, life guards etc, which also needed to be considered.	<p>The Executive agreed with the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. They agreed the recommendations; however, investigations into the financial situation was needed and funding for the two years.</p> <p>(1) Warwick District Council apply for funding to allow it to offer free swimming and swimming lessons to those aged 60 or over;</p> <p>(2) Warwick District Council apply for funding to allow it to offer free swimming to those aged under 16 years excluding free swimming lessons, making clear that the Council would only be able to accept that if there were additional funds to ensure there was no significant detrimental effect on the revenue budget;</p> <p>(3) subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, Warwick District Council to make an application for capital funding to allow the modernisation of the swimming pool changing areas at Newbold Comyn and Abbey Fields swimming pools; and</p> <p>(4) the Head of Culture and Chief Finance Officer be given delegated authority to accept funding offers in consultation with the Culture and Corporate and Strategic Leadership Portfolio Holders, subject to there being no significant ongoing impact on the Council's revenue budget.</p>