



Title	Comments from the Executive
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Service Area	Democratic 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	7 March 2017
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 8 March 2017

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 March 2017.

2. **Recommendation**

- 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 Option 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 meetings of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments – 8 February 2017**

Items no.	3	Title	Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2017-2020	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand more clearly how the strategy will be delivered and by when. 2. To understand how the plan for affordable housing will start to be delivered. 				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supports the report, and in particular, is pleased to see that the Council recognises that action is required on student accommodation (recommendation 2.2 in the report).				
Executive Response	<p>The recommendations in the report were approved subject to clarification on recommendation 2.2 so that it reads:</p> <p>“The Executive agrees to develop a Student Housing Strategy to run alongside the Housing and Homelessness Strategy”</p>				

Items no.	8	Title	Community Forums and Voluntary and Community Sector Spending Review	Requested by	O&S Committee / Labour Group / Whitnash Residents’ Association
Reason considered	<p>At the Overview & Scrutiny meeting 1 November 2016, Members decided that they would scrutinise this report when it went to Executive.</p> <p>The Whitnash Residents’ Association:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendations 2.1 – what the alternative methods of community engagement are and how they will be enhanced. 2. A request that on 2.6, the panel includes the Green Party member as well as a Liberal Democratic, with the four members already on the panel, by reducing the Conservative allocation by one. This will allow input from all representatives of the different parties in the Council. <p>The Labour Group: To understand what options have been considered.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee recommends that recommendation 2.6 in the report be amended so that the VCS Commissioning and Grants Panel membership should consist of seven interested members, one of which should be the Portfolio Holder. The allocation of seats by party membership should be removed.				
Executive Response	<p>The recommendation from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee was not accepted because the Executive were of the opinion that all Councillors care about the community and that their intention was to have the Panel membership reflect the composition of the Council.</p> <p>The recommendations in the report were approved subject to clarification that one of the Conservative appointments to the Panel must be the Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Protection.</p>				