

**Summary of Comments made on the Cabinet Agenda for
Thursday 17 October 2024**

4. Fees and Charges

The Budget Review Group asks Cabinet to consider what the communication strategy will be for the changes in fees and charges this year, including information that will help Councillors explain the reason/rationale for the changes to residents?

While the budget review Group welcomed that officers would have access to the CommercialGov database to help evaluate and consider future fees and charges they recommended to Cabinet that they explore a commercial strategy for the Council.

Because this was a recommendation Cabinet are required to vote on the proposal and if going against the recommendation provide reasons why.

9. Local Growth initiatives Plan – West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ)

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report and reminded Cabinet of the indicative nature of the list of projects. Members welcomed and supported Abbey Fields being the first scheme being funded and recognised the potential benefits this could bring. The Committee also explored some of the wider risks presented by the political change and was satisfied that everything was done to mitigate those risks as much as it possibly could.

11. Leamington Town Centre Transformation Proposals

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee explored the need for a single, coherent approach to prioritisation and to the wider town centre and welcomed the appointment of a programme director in the future. The Committee recognised that the approach to transport needed to be holistic and Cabinet needed to think quite widely about the needs of different groups of people, including those travelling from rural areas and didn't have access to regular and reliable public transport. In addition, when potentially moving location of bus stops, the Committee emphasised that those most vulnerable would still be able to easily access essential facilities.

Members were concerned that there was a risk around managing the project going forward, and it was important to recognise what the priorities were, to make sure the desired outcomes were achieved. Members emphasised the importance of engaging local partners such as Warwickshire County Council early on and ensure they are on board with the project.