

***SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON THE EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 9
FEBRUARY, 2004***

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Council - 2004/05**
3. **Budget 2004/2005 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee felt that the Council should set the Council Tax at a level which allows the Council to address the challenges faced by the authority in providing the level of services expected by the public, even though this may lead to a significant increase on the current level. The Committee also expressed concern over the possibility of capping.

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report and raised the possibility of scrutinising the items of expenditure which would need to be considered in the event that the budget was capped.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee declined to comment on this item as it would be considered at Council in due course.

The Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee made no comment on the report

4. **Housing Rents 2004/05**
[This item was considered by the Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

5. **Consultation on Reform of Local Government Funding Proposals from the Local Government Association (LGA)**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report as they felt that there was a need for reform with a clear need for local authorities to be given the increased flexibility to raise local revenue.

6. **Performance Management – Third Quarter Results 2003/04**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources, Economic and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees supported the recommendations in the report.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny supported the recommendations in the report. However they also wished to highlight the outstanding performance with regard to “EM3 Properties alleviated from flooding from critical ordinary watercourses by capital expenditure”. The Committee also felt it was appropriate to highlight that this district was recycling the highest percentage of household waste in the County. The Committee also wished to highlight, as a result of a number of complaints received from members of the public to both officers and Councillors, that there was a desperate need to improve the quality of the Council Chamber facilities, including, seating arrangements, furniture quality, lighting, sound quality etc, which needed to be addressed corporately.

7. **Comprehensive Performance Assessment**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report and also asked for their appreciation and thanks to be passed to all officers involved in the production of this well written and easily readable document.

The Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees supported the recommendation in the report.

8. **Revisions to Consultation Strategy, Feedback on 2003 Citizen’s Panel Surveys and Consultation Programme for 2004**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but requested a report back on the financial implications of the change.

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committees supported the recommendations in the report.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report, as it was a very advantageous scheme.

The Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but asked that the matter be monitored and a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Executive on how the revised strategy was working.

9. **Portfolio Holder Statements**

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the statement of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Strategic Leadership but sought the addition of a measurable target with relation to target two “Make the greatest use of new technology to improve efficiency and customer access to services”.

The Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services, but highlighted that a close third was to improve performance on street cleansing.

The Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. It was also agreed to put an item in the Committees workplan to investigate how to maximise the use of the poverty mapping facility.

10. **Benchmarking Strategy**

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit & Resources, Economic, Environment and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees supported the recommendation in the report.

11. **Review of Public Conveniences, Consultation Process**

[This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report. A draft questionnaire to be used in the consultation process was considered and it was agreed that the press should be advised of its use as soon as possible to maximise publicity. It was also agreed that the Committee should consider the priority of the upgrading proposals in due course.

12. **Recycling**

[This item was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and highlighted that Warwick District is the leading authority in Warwickshire for the percentage of household waste which is recycled.

13. **Smells from a Foul Sewer in Kenilworth**

[This item was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

14. **Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

15. **General Report**

- (A) **Heating, Lighting and Water Charges 2004/2005 - Council Tenants**
[This item was considered by the Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

- (B) **Warwick Mop**
[This item was considered by the Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

- (C) **South Warwickshire Affordable Warmth Strategy**
[This item was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

- (D) **Joint Warwick and Stratford DC's Health Improvement & Wellbeing Policy and Action Plan**
[This item was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

16. **Press and Public**

17. **Land adjacent to 68 Whitnash Road**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Committee supported the recommendation of the report.