



Title	Comments from the Executive
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Service Area	Members' 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	N/A
Background Papers	Finance & Audit minutes 10/07/2012 and Executive minutes 11/07/2012

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).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Deputy Chief Executive		Andrew Jones
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance		Jenny Clayton
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 summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 8 August 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive be noted.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the Scrutiny Committee is formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Committee receives and notes the minutes of the Executive instead.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budgetary framework. This is for the Committee's information only.

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 no longer considers the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 Councillors are emailed at the time of the publication of the Executive and Scrutiny Committee agendas, asking them to contact Committee Services by 9.00am on the day of the Scrutiny Committee, to advise which Executive items they wish the Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on, and the reasons why.
- 7.3 As a result, at its meeting on 7 August 2012, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The responses which Executive gave are also shown.

APPENDIX 1**Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 8 August 2012 on the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's Comments**

Item no.	4	Title	Technical Reform of Council Tax	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report. Members agreed to continue to work with the Portfolio Holder and Head of Finance to ensure the most financially viable outcome for dealing with empty properties.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no.	6	Title	Broadband UK	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but recognised that further clarity was needed on the proposals to ensure that the areas in need of better broadband connection in Warwick District would be covered.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no.	9	Title	Budget Review to 30 June 2012	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report but had concerns that the balance on the Equipment Renewal Schedule remained over-subscribed. They therefore requested assurance that this would be closely monitored by all Portfolio Holders to include removal of any non-essential costs.				
Executive Response	The Executive assured the Committee that Portfolio Holders were monitoring budgets closely in consultation with Heads of Service.				

Item no.	10	Title	Consultation on Council Tax Support	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no.	13	Title	Cultural Services Intervention - Redundancy	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and were encouraged that for nearly all the individuals involved in this case, the job matching process had been successful.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no.	14	Title	Leek Wootton Community Woodland	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and were reassured that the Parish Council had some positive ideas to encourage the use of the Woodland for residents and visitors to Warwick District.				
Executive Response	-				

Item no.	15	Title	Working With Bowls England	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and were encouraged that this would have a positive effect on the local economy.</p> <p>However, members were mindful that the Head of Finance was missing from the list of consultees in recommendation 2.4 and therefore RECOMMENDED to the Executive that 2.4 be amended to read:</p> <p>The Executive delegate authority to the Chief Executive, the Head of Cultural Services, and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holders for Cultural Services and Finance, to continue negotiations with Bowls England to secure the agreement to bring the Mens' Championships to Leamington Spa.</p>				
Executive Response	The Executive agreed with the Committee's recommendation to include the Head of Finance in the list of consultees.				