	Approximately Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments – February 2009							
Item no.	Title	Requested by	Reason	Comment to Executive	Executive Response and Decision			
4	Budget 2009/10 and Council Tax Revenue and Capital	Labour Group	We have a number of questions around the following items - Council Tax Capping, Inflation Assumptions, Expenditure on Housing Investment Program and Rural Initiatives Grant.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendations in the report.				

5	Housing Revenue	Liberal Democrat	Various concerns.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee	REC	COMMENDED that:
	Account Budget 2009/2010	Group		supported the recommendations in the report and	(1)	housing dwelling rents for 2009/10 be increased by an average of 6.44%;
	and Housing Rents			requested that the Executive writes to	(2)	garage rents are not increased;
				the Housing Minister, local MP's and the Local	(3)	Supporting People charges be increased by 2%;
				Government Association, requesting that the monies paid to the national rent pool be retained by the	(4)	the 2009/10 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget, updated with the Final Subsidy Determination information, as set out at Appendix 3 to the report, be agreed; and
				Council to enable building of more social housing in the District.	(5)	the Executive writes to the Housing Minister, local MP's and the Local Government Association, requesting that the monies paid to the national rent pool be retained by the Council to enable building of more social housing in the District.

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7	Countering	Liberal	The importance of	The Overview and	RES	SOLVED that
	the Economic	Democrat	this item at this	Scrutiny Committee		
	Downturn	Group	item.	supported the recommendations in the report.	(1)	the actions that have been taken by the Council (following the resolution of the Executive 22 December, 2008) and the importance of planning positively for future economic opportunities, be noted;
					(2)	the five priority actions established at the sub-regional level by Coventry and Warwickshire Economic Recovery Partnership (CWERP) and confirm the leadership role that the Council plays in the response to the economic downturn through the sub-regional partnership, be noted;
					(3)	it be noted that an action plan is being developed by the Warwickshire Public Service Board to counter the impact of the economic downturn;
					(4)	the officer group established to co-ordinate the Council's response to the economic downturn will evaluate its impact on the current Corporate Strategy, key performance indicators and other national indicators and establish a monitoring framework to assess any changes in service area workload. This work will assist the formulation of the 2009/10 Portfolio Holder statements and a review of the Corporate Strategy to ensure the continuing relevance and realism of all its targets, be noted; and
					(5)	the proposed actions to ensure that Local Businesses can benefit from working with Warwick District Council, be noted.

Countering	Additional		RES	SOLVED that
the Economic	report			
Downturn	. spon		(1)	an additional grant to CAB of £20,000 to cover staffing costs for the period March-May 2009, be approved;
			(2)	a budget virement of £10,000 from Revenues – Postages and £10,000 from Payments Channels – Payments Processing to Benefits LPSA2 – Agency Services to cover CABlocal staffing costs at the CAB for three months, be approved; and
			(3)	the award be made in the form of a loan rather than a grant, provided that the loan will only become repayable should CAB receive backdated reward funding from the Public Services Board covering the period March-May 2009. Should this option be considered CAB should be advised accordingly but a final decision need not be reached until the outcome of the Public Service Board decision is known.

A R	customer ccess at tiverside House	Liberal Democrat Group	Why can't we have a One Stop Shop close to the Town Centre close to a bus route? In order to better understand what is likely to happen.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the report, but there was concern that Riverside was not easily accessible by public transport and the Committee felt that the Council should press for a bus service to Riverside House. There was also support in principle, for the idea of post office provision at Riverside House.	(1)	a business case for a One Stop Shop at Riverside House is developed in time for the June Executive and that the plans to move customer service points to The Royal Pump Rooms are discontinued; and the relocation of the Customer Service Centre to Shire Hall should not take place until a business case for a Riverside House One Stop Shop has been considered.
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15	Repairs and	Labour Group	Can these repairs	The Overview and	RESOLVED that
	Maintenance		be completed	Scrutiny Committee	
	of Play Areas		quicker, given the	supported the	(1) an audit of the condition, value and levels
	in the District		identified high safety risk?	recommendations in the report, but were	of usage of the 47 play areas in the district is undertaken throughout the next 12
			Salety HSK?	concerned about	months and an action plan produced with
		Liberal		recommendation 2.3	recommendations for the future of play
		Democrat	This is a vital issue	because there was	areas in light of the Warwick District Play
		Group	for residents.	no money in the	Strategy, new design guidelines from Play
				budget.	England "Design for Play" and KIDS
					"Inclusion by Design" and the opportunities presented by internal and external funding.
					Resources to carry out this audit would be
					funded from the Leisure Improvement
					Budget 2008/09 and 2009/10 with officers
					working with ward councillors to complete
					the audit and public consultation exercises;
					exercises,
					(2) the Play Working Party is given delegated
					authority to agree the programme of works
					to play areas if the details of the Warwick
					district allocation from the £1million
					allocated to Warwickshire County Council to improve fixed play equipment are
					confirmed prior to the results of the audit
					being known; and
					(3) a further report be brought to the
					Executive in due course with a fully costed action plan based on the outcomes of the
					audit of play areas.

25	Retirements and Redundancies	Labour Group	Why have details of this confidential report been placed on the intranet system before it has been	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendations in the report.	(1)	the funding for the early retirement on the grounds of redundancy for the Head of Organisational Development and Performance Improvement with effect from 31 May 2009, be approved
			scrutinised by members?		(2)	the funding for the early retirement on the grounds of redundancy of the Personnel and Training Administration Officer with effect from 30 September 2009, be approved
					(3)	the funding for the early retirement to the Head of Planning with effect from 30 June 2009, be approved
					(4)	the funding for the early retirement to the Head of ICT with effect from 31 May 2009, be approved; and
					(5)	the funding for the redundancy of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) if redeployment is unsuccessful with effect from 31 May 2009, be approved.