

 <b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 4 November 2014</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b>  <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;"><b>8</b></div>
<b>Title</b>	Comments from the Executive	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Democratic Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	N/A	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	30 September 2014	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Executive Minutes – 1 October 2014	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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).		
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holders		

<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>	
N/A	
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>	

## 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 late September.

## 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 – 1 October 2014**

<b>Item no.</b>	5	<b>Title</b>	Request to increase the Hackney Carriage Fares	<b>Requested by</b>	Labour Group
<b>Reason considered</b>	Members had questions about the report and standards of service.				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but would wish to see improvements in standards going hand in hand with an increase in fares.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Portfolio Holder for Health & Community protection, Councillor Coker, endorsed the report and agreed with the comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. He highlighted that officers were working proactively with drivers to improve service standards and taking appropriate action when required. That said, the conduct and standards of drivers were matters for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to respond to and ensure were robust.				

<b>Item no.</b>	6	<b>Title</b>	St Mary's Lands Business Strategy	<b>Requested by</b>	Labour & Independent Groups
<b>Reason considered</b>	<p>Labour Group- Members had questions about the proposals for the area..</p> <p>Independent Group – Due to the importance of this matter to Warwick District.</p>				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but would suggest that no additional car parking should be considered as part of the plans for the development of the Golf Centre.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive welcomed the views of the two scrutiny Committees and shared the concerns regarding the cost of responding to enquiries about St Mary's Lands. They also recognised the concern regarding increased car parking for the Golf Course on this special piece of land which any Town would welcome and cherish. The recommendations were proposed subject to recommendation 2.4 being amended to include "as we continue to work closely with stakeholders and develop detailed businesses cases we take comments like those of the scrutiny committee, on board".				

<b>Item no.</b>	9	<b>Title</b>	Corporate Peer Challenge	<b>Requested by</b>	Independent Group
<b>Reason considered</b>	Questions to be asked.				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the report.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Council had previously envisaged a Full Corporate Peer Review taking place in July 2015. However, on reflection of the experience of how long it may take for recommendations to be implemented and the effect identified, it was suggested that rescheduling such a Full Review to July 2016 was more appropriate. This would give more time for the impact of the proposed actions in response to the recommendations to be assessed.				

<b>Item no.</b>	10	<b>Title</b>	Planning Peer Review Update	<b>Requested by</b>	Independent Group
<b>Reason considered</b>	Questions to be asked.				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the report.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive welcomed the report but were of the opinion that because Planning was such a key function of the Council the next update report should be brought to them earlier than 12 months. Therefore, it was proposed and agreed that the next report be submitted to them in June 2015.				

<b>Item no.</b>	11	<b>Title</b>	Skills Initiative Funding	<b>Requested by</b>	Lib Dem Group
<b>Reason considered</b>	Because of the importance of employment opportunities to all our residents.				
<b>Scrutiny Comment</b>	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
<b>Executive Response</b>	The Executive agreed the recommendations as laid out in the report.				