

***SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON THE EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 8
DECEMBER, 2003***

2. Council Tax Base 2004 - 2005

[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.]

The Audit & Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not comment on this report.

3. Approval of General Fund Estimates 2003/2004 and Revised 2004/2005 Base Estimates

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

The Audit & Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in both reports. However, it expressed concern that if all the projected savings, referred to in the supplementary report, were not achieved the estimated 22.5 % council tax increase would need to be revised further if balances were to be replenished.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendation in the report.

The Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report but would like to know why there are such dramatic changes in the highways function figures?

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in both reports.

4. Budget 2004/05 and Medium Term Financial Plan - Process and Prospects

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

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report. In addition, it considered a briefing paper which considered the effects of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement Settlement on the Council and gave details of the national picture.

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee expressed disappointment at the Government settlement, as no allowance has been made with regard to recycling, especially considering the burden placed upon District Councils for this by central government.

The Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

5. **Annual Audit Letter**

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

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report. In addition, it agreed that a progress report on the Action Plan, as set out in Appendix A of the letter, be submitted to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendation in the report.

The Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report and proposed that those officers involved in the audit should be thanked for their efforts.

6. **Regional Planning Guidance**

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

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

7. **Provision of Affordable Housing – Guidance for Developers**

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

The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee expressed disappointment that grant funding to provide affordable low cost housing had been removed considering difficulty of provision within this district. The Committee also requested that the aids and adaptations working group should be consulted, on Appendix 4 page 106, section 4, Features to be included within the dwelling, if they haven't already.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

8. **Maintenance Work to Council Dwellings**

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

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report, but felt that the 5 year cycle of repairs and painting might need to be extended due to the budgetary situation.

9. **Court Street Car Park Site – Marketing Proposals**

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

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report. In doing so, members recognised the need to ask all bidders to indicate how they could best meet the brief in giving their bids for the site. Some members expressed concern that the new planning brief could mean a lower capital receipt.

The Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

10. **Upgrade of Wide Area Network**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

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

12. **General Report**

- (A) Grants to Voluntary Organisations
[This item was considered by the Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

The Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

13. **Public and Press**

The public and press were excluded.

14. **Warwickshire On Line Partnership – Selection of Supplier**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendation, but no comments were made as the further report referred to was not available.

The Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendation, but no comments were made as the further information was not available.

15. **Westbury Centre, Leamington Spa**
[This item was considered by the Audit & Resources and Economic Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

The Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. The Committee strongly endorsed the sale of any land for office accommodation to be at market value.

The Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report, but the committee were concerned that if the WAYC suddenly found they did not have the funds to do the building work, they may want to start using the office space and this possibility needs to be restricted in any legal agreement with WAYC.