

	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee 3 November 2015	Agenda Item No. 7
Title	Comments from the Executive	
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Service Area	Civic & Committee 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	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 Scrutiny Committee minutes 3/11/2015 Executive minutes from 4/11/2015	

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		
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
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 4 November 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

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 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 9.00 am 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 3 November 2015, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in the appendices. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 30 September 2015 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

Item no	4	Title	Budget Review to 30 September 2015
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report		
Executive Response	There was no response from the Executive		

Response from the meetings of the Executive on Joint Finance & Audit and Overview & Scrutiny Committee Comments – 4 November 2015

Items no.	3	Title	Leisure Options
Reason considered	Because of the importance to the District.		
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Joint Scrutiny Committee recommends to the Executive that</p> <p>(1) recommendations 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 & 2.9 are removed, effectively retaining the Leisure Options in Council's management control and continuing under existing arrangements; and</p> <p>(2) the Executive investigate the option of introducing a "Passport to Leisure" into the contract to enable access to leisure facilities for all members of the community.</p> <p>(3) they consider the Trust option and ensure they consider the Social Value losses and gains of all three options.</p>		
Executive Response	<p>The Executive welcomed the recommendations from the Joint Scrutiny Committee and agreed to support the second point. However they could not support the first recommendation because of the substantial reasons within report to support the recommendations, the information and debate within the confidential part of the meeting relating to this matter, the way this provided upgrade to the facilities, the way the external management option provided for growth in this District including provision of further jobs, that this would provide a substantial improvement in the financial health of the Council and the significant and important advice received from officers on this matter.</p> <p>The response to (3) is contained within the confidential minutes of the Executive meeting of 4 November 2015, as set out in their agenda for 2 December 2015.</p>		