

Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments – 16 March 2010

Item no.	Title	Requested by	Reason	Comment to Executive	Executive Response
15	Homeless Strategy	Labour Group	Members had questions about delay to the strategy from 2009, and delay similarly on the Gypsy and Traveller provision, and there were concerns about adequacy of the section on Rough Sleepers as worded.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the new strategy that was in place and were very impressed with the progress that was being made.	The Executive noted O&S Committee's comments.
18(D)	Textile Recycling – Donations to Charity	The Liberal Democrat Group The Labour Group	Because the method of choosing the deserving charities is worthy of further discussion. Members had questions about the rationale for and adequacy of the proposed 10% donation and the process by which charities would be selected to benefit.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the charities to benefit from the Textile Recycling scheme should be those supported by the Chair of the Council for their time in office, providing these are local charities	The Executive stated that they thought it would be too restrictive to limit the donations to the Chairs charities because the scheme needed to be rolled out to the whole of the District and therefore needed to appeal to as many residents as possible.

22(P&C)	Review of South Warwickshire Tourism Partnership	<p>The Liberal Democrat Group</p> <p>The Labour Group</p>	<p>Because of the importance of tourism to the local economy.</p> <p>Having regard to the importance of the sector, Members had questions about the current situation, assets of SWT (including the name 'Shakespeare Country') and future provision of tourism services in and around the District.</p>	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted the report and requested that the Executive trust in WDC Officers to have the best interests of the district in mind, understanding the importance of tourism to the district, in particular the Town of Warwick.</p>	<p>The Executive were mindful that the Council had a commitment to tourism and the members of staff that work in that area and this should be viewed as an opportunity to reinvent Shakespeare Country with an ability to move it forwards.</p>
23(P&C)	Bath Place	<p>The Liberal Democrat Group</p> <p>The Labour group</p>	<p>Because of the importance of an assured future for Bath Place Community Venture</p> <p>Given the current uncertainty, members had questions about the timescale and processes for reaching a conclusion and the interim support that could be provided to Bath Place Community Venture and African-Caribbean Project.</p>	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were of the opinion that the Executive should be clear about Warwickshire County Council's current position and that they should encourage Warwick District Council Officers to work in conjunction with Warwickshire County Council Officers to use lean system thinking and to keep in mind the end users of the service</p>	<p>The current position be noted and officers be asked to continue their work and report to a future Executive Committee if a business case can be developed</p>

