

**Response from the meeting of the Executive on the  
O&S Committee's Comments – 24 August 2020**

Item Number: 3 – Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Enforcement Process – Private Sector Housing.

**Requested by:** The Green Group.

**Reason Considered:**

The Green Group welcomed this step forward in improving EPC ratings but called the report in for scrutiny because it had questions that needed to be answered.

**Scrutiny Comment:**

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed it would monitor their implementation. In agreement with the Portfolio Holder, Housing & Property Services, the Committee agreed that its Chair and the Portfolio Holder would liaise with Democratic Services to review whether ongoing reporting could be done using a dashboard within the Business Intelligence Portal. The Committee agreed to add a review of the process to its Work Programme after it had been operational for a minimum of 12 months.

**Executive Response:**

The Executive approved the recommendations in the report.

Item Number: 5 – Article 4(1) Direction for Sherbourne Conservation Area.

**Requested by:** The Green Group.

**Reason Considered:**

The Green Group had questions that needed answers.

**Scrutiny Comment:**

The Committee noted the recommendations. In discussion it welcomed officers' proposals to check and update guidance on the Council's website but expressed concerns that changes to the regulations should not impede people from fitting equipment into their property in line with the Council's Climate Emergency ambitions.

**Executive Response:**

The Executive approved the recommendations in the report.

Item Number: 7 – Park Exercise Permits.

**Requested by:** The Liberal Democrat Group.

**Reason Considered:**

The Liberal Democrat Group did not believe that this policy would be beneficial to residents at this time and should be reviewed.

**Scrutiny Comment:**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the recommendations in the report and agreed it would monitor their implementation.

The Head of Cultural Services and Portfolio Holder for Culture agreed to explore if a method to allow new licence holders to upgrade easily from monthly to annual payments would be feasible.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed to add a review of the permit scheme to its Work Programme after it had been operational for six months.

**Executive Response:**

Various recommendations were amended or added and the Executive approved the recommendations in the report with the amendments and additions.

Amended Recommendations

2.2 That the Executive recommends to Council for approval the prices shown in Appendix A to this report for the period of time between the implementation of the policy and 1st January 2021 with a delegation to the Head of Cultural Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, to apply discount prices as deemed appropriate for the purpose of launching the scheme”; and

2.3 That Members instruct officers to review the Park Exercise Policy after the first 6 months of operation and then on an annual basis, with charges being included as part of the annual review of fees and charges.

Additional Recommendations

2.4 That Members delegate to the Portfolio Holder for Culture and the Head of Cultural Services the decision as to the future inclusion of new areas of the Council’s Parks and Open Spaces within the remit of this policy.

2.5 That members ask officers to update the relevant pages on the Council website to promote the new policy and to list those organisations who have registered as part of the scheme.

Amendment to Paragraph 6 – Pricing Policy (page 11 in the report)

“The following prices are for the use of all designated Warwick District Council parks. Annual permits are available and should be paid as one payment at the beginning of the permit year. Monthly permits can be paid by direct debit”.