

**Response from the meeting of the Cabinet on the
F&A Committee's Comments**

7. Significant Business Risk Register

The Committee considered this report because it formed part of the core governance of the Council and part of the Committee's work programme.

The Committee asked the Cabinet to update Risk 8 to remove the details regarding the work on the commercial investment strategy to reflect the change in Risk 6.

The Committee noted that in the next update it was likely to include a specific risk in reference to the proposed merger with Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved.

12. Future High Street Funds

The Committee considered this report because of the significant funds involved.

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved.

13. Financial Support – Everyone Active Leisure Contract

The Committee considered this report because of the value involved and the significant public interest in this contract.

The Committee recommended that the wording within recommendation 2.4 was amended to correct the accounting year to 2021/22 and that the decision only be made in principle subject to a further report that would come forward in the autumn and would reflect further discussions with Everyone Active in the light of its updated financial projections following the easing of Covid restrictions and any other relevant factors.

The Committee noted the latest understanding was that all restrictions would end on 19 July and that officers were continuing to work with Everyone Active to confirm their programme.

Cabinet Response:

Councillor Bartlett thanked the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee for the good assessment of the paper and good rigour around the recommendations. Following the discussion with the Chair of the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, he stated that an amendment to recommendation 2.4 had been

made to ensure the proportionality of the concession waver matched the current state of play, to read:

“2.4 Agree that the EA concession fee due to the Council for 2021/22 is waived in proportion to the point in the financial year when WDC is satisfied that no further subsidy is required by EA and a concession fee, however small, can be paid by EA to WDC. The consequent funding shortfall of up to £1.25mill will be met from the Government’s Income Compensation Scheme (est £165k) and the provision included in the Budget provided for potential non-recovery of income within the Budget”.

Councillor Bartlett proposed the report as laid out, and subject to the amendment to recommendation 2.4.

14. Costs of Proposals of Joint Senior Management Team

The Committee considered this report because of the impact on the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the need for robust scrutiny of the changes because of the wider public interest.

The Committee noted the quarter 1 budget update would come to August Cabinet and would set out the progress in respect of the MTFs and the agreed savings being achieved.

Cabinet Response:

Councillor Day thanked the Committee and Group Leaders for their comments. He also commended the Chief Executive for the amount of work that had gone on in engaging with Heads of Service, and the goodwill involved had been extraordinary. He then proposed the report as laid out.