



Title	Comments from the Executive
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Service Area	Democratic 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	1 July 2014
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 2 July 2014

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).		
	Date	Name
Relevant Director		
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 informs the Committee of the response the Executive gave to their comments regarding the reports submitted to the Executive in July.

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive are noted.

3. **Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It ensures that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are formally made aware of the Executive's responses.
- 3.2 Where the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have made a recommendation as opposed to a comment the Executive are required to respond to the recommendation(s) made, including whether or not they accept the recommendation(s).

4. **Alternative Option considered**

- 4.1 This report is not produced and presented to the Committee.

5. **Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 All work for the Committee has to be carried out within existing resources.

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 new scrutiny process, the Committee is no longer considering the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 On the day of publication of the Executive agenda all Councillors are sent an e-mail asking them to contact Committee Services, by 09.00am on the day of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to advise which Executive items they would like the Committee to consider.
- 7.3 As a result the Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The response the Executive gave on each item is also shown.
- 7.4 In reviewing these responses Committee can identify any issues for which they would like a progress report. A future report, for example on how the decision has been implemented, would then be submitted to the Committee at an agreed date which would then be incorporated within the work programme.

**Response from the meetings of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments – 1 July 2014**

Item no.	3	Title	Review of Warwick District Council / Waterloo Housing Group JV (W2)	Requested by	Labour Group / Liberal Democrat Group
Reason considered	<p>Labour Group – Members were concerned about some issues raised in this report.</p> <p>Liberal Democrat Group – Members need to fully understand the Joint Venture with Waterloo Housing Group given the importance that it has as our partner and major provider of social housing in the District.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. In respect of item 5.7.10 in the report, the Committee urged the Executive to closely monitor the Mortgagee in Possession clause for any impact on the Council and requested that the Finance Portfolio Holder kept close watch on this issue.</p>				
Executive Response	<p>In response to the comments, the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Property Services, Councillor Vincett, stated that he had always had a close working relationship with Waterloo and kept himself up to speed with progress. In addition, the Shadow Portfolio Holder, Councillor Pittarello, had shown great interest and had attended a number of meetings. Councillor Vincett felt that Shadow Portfolio Holders should know what was happening in their portfolio area and they should be able to give this feedback to their own Groups.</p> <p>With regard to the Mortgagee in Possession issue, advice was provided as to the difference between Right to Buy and Right to Acquire and the relevance of this when applying it to social housing.</p>				

Item no.	4	Title	Service Area Plan/FFF Performance 2013/2014	Requested by	Labour Group / Independent Group / Liberal Democrat Group
Reason considered	<p>Labour Group – Members had some questions about resources particularly in Neighbourhood Services.</p> <p>Independent Group – Further information required.</p> <p>Liberal Democrat Group – This is a key report of performance which should be used by O & S to decide how we will improve our key role of scrutinising the performance of the Administration and the holding to account of portfolio holders in the future.</p>				
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the report and advise the Executive that it will be planning which issues to scrutinise at future</p>				

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Executive Response	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the report and advised the Executive that it would be planning which issues to scrutinise at future meetings.</p> <p>Members discussed the issue of Shadow Portfolio Holders and felt that Group Leaders needed to address this to ensure that effective scrutiny continued. It was suggested that the scrutiny committees may wish to challenge this although some Members felt that it depended on who was given the role in the first place.</p> <p>The Leader, Councillor Mobbs, advised Members that further information on FFF financial projections and savings would be provided in the report being submitted to the 30 July meeting. He also reminded Members that the Shadow Portfolio Holder issue was a two way street and Councillors needed to be invited to attend meetings.</p>

Item no.	Urgent	Title	Requested by
		Bowls 2014 Additional Marketing	Councillor Mrs Higgins
Reason considered		Councillor Mrs Higgins felt that the budget allocated might be insufficient and that all four towns should be included.	
Scrutiny Comment		The Overview and Scrutiny Committee voted to discuss this late report at its meeting. The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and asked that the Executive recommend that the event be advertised in all four towns and that the budget be increased to facilitate this if necessary.	
Executive Response		<p>The Leader, Councillor Mobbs, apologised for the lateness of the report and accepted responsibility for the late circulation. However, he had felt it important to ensure that all Members were aware of the situation and included in the decision making process.</p> <p>Members were in agreement that national publicity was needed to encourage as many visitors to the District during the event. It was appreciated that a lot of work had been taking place 'behind the scenes' but such a high profile event should be showcased to residents and businesses within the District.</p>	