

***Summary of comments made on the Executive Agenda for  
Monday 24 August 2020***

**3. Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Enforcement Process – Private Sector Housing**

The Overview & Scrutiny 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 Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed to add a review of the process to its Work Programme after it had been operational for a minimum of 12 months.

**5. Article 4(1) Direction for Sherbourne Conservation Area**

The Overview & Scrutiny 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.

**7. Park Exercise Permits**

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.

**8. Quarter 1 Budget Report**

Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee

Members noted that whilst the report was a snapshot in time and still work in progress, there has been a significant impact on the Council's budget, showing a considerable deficit which needs to be addressed. The underlying deficit issue prior to Covid 19 has been exacerbated by the loss of income due to Covid 19. The Committee acknowledged that the Council has a legal requirement to set a balanced budget, which has to take priority. With that in mind, Members felt that there are difficult decisions and choices to be made, for example how to fulfil the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan in the changed financial situation it now faces.

The Committee wishes to comment to the Executive about the desirability of including a wider group of Members when it comes to reviewing what the Council will do in terms of the proposed savings or alternatives and the impact they may have. The Committee agrees with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business that there are some choices to be made by the Council in order for it to be able to set a

balanced budget in February 2021. As a result, Members suggested arranging a different meeting involving a larger number of, or all, Councillors where they can consider the savings options and the income generating options, so that the right choices are made for residents, based on cross-party support and collaboration.

9. **WDC Post Covid Recovery Strategy – Back to the Future**

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.