



Title	Comments from the Executive
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Service Area	Civic & Committee 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	11 September 2012
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 12 September 2012

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		
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	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 September.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 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 OPTIONS 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 meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny
Committee Comments –
12 September 2012**

Item no.	4	Title	New agreement with WCC regarding the operation of Barrack Street car park	Requested by	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	The Liberal Democrat Group requested this item because of the need for further explanation.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted the report but some had suggested that security doors could be installed on the appropriate level of the car park to prevent access to the office block, and thus the car park could still be used and generate income. It was explained by Bill Hunt at the meeting that this idea had been discussed in meetings between WDC and WCC, but for various reasons WCC had been unwilling to accept the idea.				
Executive Response	Members were keen to see the car park continue to be made available for public use at weekends, whilst recognising that there were a number of reasons why the County Council had not supported the suggestion to undertake work to allow limited access to the stairwells. Councillor Shilton agreed to maintain a dialogue with the County Council in the hope that they could be persuaded to change their minds.				

Item no.	5	Title	Tourism Strategy Update	Requested by	Labour Group
Reason considered	The Labour Group requested this item as Tourism is clearly of great importance to the District and members had questions about the proposed joint DMO with Stratford.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was in agreement with the recommendations. It felt the DMO was the right solution, it felt that the views of the local Tourism Industry were of vital importance, that it must benefit all areas of the District but had concerns about the timings and would like faster progress.				
Executive Response	The Portfolio Holder for Development Services, Councillor Hammon, agreed with the Scrutiny Committee's views and stated that the vacuum left by Shakespeare Country needed to be filled as soon as possible. He accepted Members' frustrations with delays and said that work would commence as soon as it had been approved by Executive with the aim of getting the DMO in place by April 2013. Councillor Mobbs pointed out that, as a result of delays, plans for the DMO now tied in with the Local Plan.				

Item no.	7	Title	Integrated Waste, Grounds Maintenance and Building Cleaning Contracts Re Let	Requested by	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	The Liberal Democrat Group requested this item because of it will lead to significant changes to the District.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had slight concerns about the cheapest bid on Lot 4 – Building Cleaning, and asked that the Executive be assured that the much cheaper price could still deliver the service required.				
Executive Response	In response to the Overview & Scrutiny committee’s concerns regarding Lot 4, Ian Coker, the Head of Neighbourhood Services, stated confidence that the contractor could deliver because its work was already known to the Council.				