

 Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee - 9 October 2012		Agenda Item No. <h1 style="text-align: right;">6</h1>
Title	Comments from the Executive	
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Service Area	Members' 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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	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	N/A	
Background Papers	Finance & Audit minutes 11/09/2012 and Executive minutes 12/09/2012	

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		
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).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Deputy Chief Executive		Andrew Jones
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance		Jenny Clayton
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 summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 12 September 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The responses made by the Executive be noted.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the Scrutiny Committee is formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Committee receives and notes the minutes of the Executive instead.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budgetary framework. This is for the Committee's information only.

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 no longer considers the whole of the Executive agenda.
- 7.2 Councillors are emailed at the time of the publication of the Executive and Scrutiny Committee agendas, asking them to contact Committee Services by 9.00am on the day of the Scrutiny Committee, to advise which Executive items they wish the Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on, and the reasons why.
- 7.3 As a result, at its meeting on 11 September 2012, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The responses which Executive gave are also shown.
- 7.4 Additionally, at a meeting on 26 September 2012, a meeting of the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the Statement of Accounts 2011/12 report, due to be considered by Council on 27 September 2012, and recommended that Council approve the formal Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 2012.

APPENDIX 1**Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 12 September 2012 on the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's Comments**

Item no.	4	Title	New Agreement with WCC regarding the operation of Barrack Street Car Park	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee agreed with the recommendations in principal but strongly felt that Warwick District should press the County Council to make the car park safer in order to minimise the risk of accidents.				
Executive Response	Councillor Shilton agreed to maintain a dialogue with the County Council.				

Item no.	7	Title	Integrated Waste, Grounds Maintenance and Building Cleaning Contracts Re Let	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee congratulated all officers involved for their commitment to the process and were pleased that it had highlighted the benefits of excellent procurement practice. Following some thorough questioning of the officers, the Committee supported the recommendations.				
Executive Response	-				

Item 8 (Land at Spinney Hill, Warwick) was also considered and is detailed separately in confidential appendix 2.

Item no.	9	Title	Finance Staffing Review	Requested by	Chair
Scrutiny Comment	The Committee supported the recommendations.				
Executive Response	-				