

***SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON THE EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 11
JUNE 2014***

3. Final Accounts

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations following a robust discussion and thanked the Head of Finance for attending and answering their questions. Members asked for clarity on the level of slippage each year and the Council's current deficit position.

Members enquired about the pension deficit, the impact of the Council Tax freeze and were satisfied that any potential increase in interest rates had been factored into the forecasting.

Finally, the Finance & Audit Committee highlighted the excellent Council Tax collection rate of 98.5%.

4. HRA Rent Setting for Void Properties

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations but had concerns that this could dis-incentivise people to downsize. Members noted the access to a Tenants Incentive Grant Scheme and welcomed the forthcoming review.

Members noted the impact of the previous decision on the Business Plan and appreciated the loss of revenue if these recommendations were not agreed. However, some Members felt that a more flexible, case by case approach was needed.

**5. Procurement of Services from the Voluntary and Community Sector
2015-2018**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that the wording near the end of recommendation 2.2 is amended to say:

"geographical areas of Crown, Brunswick and West Warwick and to support more district wide activity factoring in some of the issues highlighted by the new Social Inclusion Index."

In respect of recommendation 2.3, the Committee recommends that the words "and this would total £989,100" is added to the end of the sentence.

**The Executive are required to vote on this
because it forms a recommendation to them.**

7(A). Rural / Urban Capital Improvement Scheme (RUCIS) Application

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations and advised that, following discussion with the report author, future reports would include details of the latest bank statement from clubs, to avoid confusing old accounts with available funds.

Members were disappointed that Kenilworth Town Council felt unable to support the club financially and noted that Appendix 2 on page 7 should read a maximum contribution of £13,250 not -£31,450.

7(B). Microsoft Support Contract

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

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee also made recommendations in respect of confidential items 9 and the Urgent report, detailed in a separate confidential document.