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| 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| Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 | No |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 | N/A |
| Background Papers | |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | | |
| Chief Executive | | |
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| Section 151 Officer | | |
| Legal | | |
| Finance | | |
| Portfolio Holders | | |

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| 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 14 January 2015.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That 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 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 9.00 am 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 13 January 2015, the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee considered the items detailed in the appendices. The responses which the Executive gave are also shown.

Responses from the meeting of the Executive held on 11 February 2015 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

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| Item no | 4 | Title | Treasury Management Strategy Plan for 2015/2016 |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | |
| Executive Response | No comment from the Executive. | | |
| Item no | 5 | Title | Budget 2015/16 and Council Tax – General Fund Revenue and Capital |
| Scrutiny Comment | <p>The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee noted the additional recommendation 2.25 and the supporting letter from the LEP.</p> <p>Recommendation 2.9 should read 'confirmed' New Homes Bonus allocation, not provisional.</p> <p>Paragraph 3.2.1, bullet point 4 – Members requested that the wording be amended to provide clarity around the swimming teachers for new lessons. The paragraph gives the impression of negativity when in fact that although there is a cost to provide extra resources based on demand, there will be an increase in income that will offset.</p> <p>In addition, bullet point 5 should read National Living wage, not Minimum.</p> <p>Additional recommendation 2.25 –</p> <p>Members do not support the request for £20k at the moment because the request has been provided at the last minute & they felt that they were unable to make a decision due to the late receipt of this recommendation and felt there was not enough information provided. They felt that the Leader could have updated the committee on the work of the LEP and perhaps clarify this recommendation as he had given O&S an update earlier in the evening.</p> <p>Members therefore recommended: That the Executive does not recommend recommendation 2.25 to Council until members receive further information in order to make an informed decision</p> | | |
| Executive Response | <p>The Executive accepted the comments from Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee regarding recommendation 2.9 and 3.2.1. as set out in its comments.</p> <p>The Executive did not accept the recommendation from Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee regarding the funding to the LEP because the Council had to match fund the cash grant from Government of £500,000. This £20,000 also supported the operation of the Economic Prosperity Board, of which the Council was an integral part, and the funds would</p> | | |

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| | | also assist in the administering of the ESIF programme. Executive noted that a number of senior officers were involved in influencing this work and that all local authorities were working well together in partnership to achieve major improvements to the residents' and business community in our sub region and felt there should be no delay to the provision of the funding which could cause any doubt regarding our commitment to these operations. | |
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| Item no | 6 | Title | Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2015/16 and Housing Rents |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | |
| Executive Response | No comment from the Executive. | | |
| Item no | 7 | Title | Heating, Lighting and Water Charges 2015/16 – Council Tenants |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | |
| Executive Response | No comment from the Executive. | | |

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| Item no | 10 | Title | Exemption to the Code of Procurement Practice – Extension of Aids & Adaptations Building Works Contract |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | |
| Executive Response | No comment from the Executive. | | |

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| Item no | 11 | Title | Disposal of WDC owned land at Station Approach in Royal Leamington Spa |
| Scrutiny Comment | The Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report. | | |
| Executive Response | No comment from the Executive. | | |