

**Executive Items to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee
9 July 2019**

Item no.	5	Title	Commonwealth Games 2022 (CG 2022) – CWLEP funding bid	Requested by	Labour Group
Reasons considered	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost of bridge £90,000, felt to be too much as a short detour to bridge on Princes Drive; can this money be better spent? 2. What are planned routes for electric buses, are Warwick and Kenilworth to be included? 3. Lodge development in Victoria Park, what are the long term number of employees based here for Bowls England? What are the likely numbers coming and going to these offices? Will this change the nature of park entrance? 				
Response from Head of Cultural Services	<p>In terms of the bridge – the installation of this “pontoon bridge” is an affordable solution to providing a river crossing linking north and south of the river “green corridor” for pedestrians and cyclists. The intention is to use car parking on the Warwickshire College site during the Games, and the bridge would therefore provide a route from the car park to Victoria Park without having to use the main road route which has a narrow footpath which is not ideal for high volume pedestrians, including wheelchair users. The estimated cost of £90,000 includes £40,000 for the pontoon bridge and £50,000 for “earthworks”. If the bridge were not to be installed then it is considered that there would need to be some upgrade of the route from the rear of the College out to Princes Drive, there would be a cost to these works which would offset some of this £50,000 associated with the bridge option.</p> <p>The electric bus route is as previously agreed with Stagecoach who operate the Leamington routes as part of the Council’s 2018 bid to the Department of Transport under the Ultra-low Emissions Bus Scheme (ULEBS). This would see 6 electric buses to operate on Route 67 (north/south via the Parade). There has also been an offer by Volvo to provide electric buses to offer a circular route to the venue in Victoria Park for the duration of the Games. (See Page 19 in App 1 of the report). There are no plans within this scheme to include electric buses in Warwick or Kenilworth.</p> <p>Bowls England have 9 members of staff currently working out of Riverside House and it is anticipated that similar numbers would need to be accommodated in any new offices i.e. the Lodge. Car parking provision and any proposed changes to the entrance to the park would need to be considered as part of the planning application for any changes to the Lodge. There are currently 4 BE staff regularly parking on site at Riverside House. Bowls England do not have high numbers of visitors to their current offices – there are occasional visits by Bowls England Directors.</p>				

Item no.	9	Title	Plastic Free Resolution for Leamington & Warwick and Plastics Policy Update	Requested by	Labour Group
Reasons considered	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the proactive steps taken to restrict plastic use at events, e.g. Half Marathon at the weekend – lots of plastic bottles in evidence and needed clearing up? 2. Are there plans for water fountains in our towns as refill points? 3. Are new contracts ambitious enough in lowering plastic use? How is our plastic disposed of? 				

Item no.	10	Title	WDC Discretionary Housing Payment Policy Review	Requested by	Labour Group
Reasons considered	<p>In terms of looking at all the items on the agenda and amounts of spend being planned, the budget of £160,835 does seem very low on this. This is at a time when many are struggling with weeks waiting time for Universal Credit and many benefits being cut.</p> <p>Our worry is the provision is inadequate, meaning many stresses and strains on individuals and families, leading to many more problems.</p>				