

	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee 31 May 2017	Agenda Item No. 9
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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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	Executive – 08.02.2017

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		
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 summarises the Executive's response to comments given by the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on reports submitted to the Executive on 5 April 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the responses made by the Executive be noted, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

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 4 April 2017, 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 8 March 2017 to the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee's comments

Item no	4	Title	Code of Procurement Practice Update
Scrutiny Comment		<p>The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendation with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reference to Social Value should be made in the Stage Closure Questions on page 21; • The second bullet point relating to paragraph 5.2 of the report should be amended to read "showing all procurement opportunities each of which has a total value above £25,000"; • Paragraph 14.5.1, page 24/25, be amended to include wording to allow the tenderer to be given the choice to confirm or amend the tender figure; • The risks detailed in the report at section 6, should contain reference to the potential impact on residents should a contract not be fulfilled; • Section 5.5 of the Code, Requests for Information, should contain a warning to officers of the consequences of not supplying information when asked. • In addition, officers should consider using an Information Release schedule to manage that risk. 	
Executive Response		<p>The Finance Portfolio Holder thanked the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee for their consideration of this matter which had demonstrated their expertise and knowledge in this area and welcomed their suggested amendments.</p>	

Item no	6	Title	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Review
Scrutiny Comment		<p>The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.</p>	
Executive Response		<p>No response provided.</p>	

Item no	7	Title	Service Area Plans
Scrutiny Comment		<p>The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported recommendation 2.3 whilst noting that paragraph 3.34 states "a budget of <u>up to £60k</u> over two years" which is not reflected in the recommendation.</p>	
Executive Response		<p>The Executive agreed that recommendation 2.3 should be amended to state "up to £60,000 over two years".</p>	

Item no's	9	Title	Corporate Property Repair and Planned Maintenance Programme 2017/18
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report		
Executive Response	No response provided.		

Item no's	10A	Title	Significant Business Risk Register
Scrutiny Comment	The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.		
Executive Response	No response provided.		

**Response from the meetings of the Executive on Joint Finance & Audit
Scrutiny and Overview & Scrutiny Committees Comments – 11 April 2017**

Items no.	4	Title	Europa Way – Strategic Opportunity Proposal	Requested by	All
Scrutiny Comment	The Committees noted the contents of the report.				
Executive Response	No response was made by the Executive.				

Items no.	6	Title	Europa Way – Strategic Opportunity Proposal	Requested by	All
Scrutiny Comment	The Committees noted the revised business plan from the football club and their commitment to it. The Committee recognised that the business plan would continue to be monitored by the Council as part of this project. It also noted that at an appropriate time, the business plan may be subject to a further independent assessment.				
Executive Response	The Executive agreed with comments from the joint meeting and explained that decisions would need to be taken at appropriate stages based on the information available at that time.				

Items no.	7	Title	Note of Decision taken under Chief Executive’s Emergency Powers	Requested by	All
Scrutiny Comment	<p>The Committee noted the contents of the report.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Falp explained to the Committee that she had excluded herself from the consultation by the Chief Executive on this decision because of a conflict of interest she had on the decision. The Chief Executive confirmed that this had been the case.</p> <p>In addition, Councillors Mrs Falp and Margrave asked for it to be recorded that they were not in favour of the decision taken by the Chief Executive.</p>				
Executive Response	No response was made by the Executive				