WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL	**Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8 January 2013**	**Agenda Item No. 5**

Title	Comments from the Executive
For further information about this report please contact	Lesley Dury, Committee Services Officer, 01926 456114 or committee@warwickdc.gov.uk
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Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No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	11 December 2012
Background Papers	Executive Minutes – 12 December 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 *must* be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).

	Date	**Name**
Relevant Director		
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 informs the Committee of the response the Executive gave to their comments regarding the reports submitted to the Executive in December.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The responses made by the Executive are noted.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

3.1 This report is produced to create a dialogue between the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It ensures that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are formally made aware of the Executive's responses.

3.2 Where the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have made a recommendation as opposed to a comment the Executive are required to respond to the recommendation(s) made, including whether or not they accept the recommendation(s).

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 This report is not produced and presented to the Committee.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

5.1 All work for the Committee has to be carried out within existing resources.

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 is no longer considering the whole of the Executive agenda.

7.2 On the day of publication of the Executive agenda all Councillors are sent an e-mail asking them to contact Committee Services, by 09.00am on the day of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting to advise which Executive items they would like the Committee to consider.

7.3 As a result the Committee considered the items detailed in appendix 1. The response the Executive gave on each item is also shown.

7.4 In reviewing these responses Committee can identify any issues for which they would like a progress report. A future report, for example on how the decision has been implemented, would then be submitted to the Committee at an agreed date which would then be incorporated within the work programme.

Response from the meeting of the Executive on Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments –
12 December 2012

Item no.	6	**Title**	Proposed Regeneration LLP	**Requested by**	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	Because of its importance in how the District Council's assets are dealt with.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.				
Executive Response	No comment.				

Item no.	10	**Title**	Tenancy Strategy	**Requested by**	Labour Group
Reason considered	The importance of this to our residents and to the Council as a landlord.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee accepted the strategy but highlighted that the Council would still have the ability to decide the length of tenancies for our own housing stock. Members asked the Executive to be mindful that the Council would need to bring a policy forward for our tenants at a later date.				
Executive Response	In response to the O & S Committee's comments, the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services, assured Members that due regard would be given to the strategy when compiling the policy.				

Item no.	14 B	**Title**	Health Scrutiny	**Requested by**	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered	Because it is vital that O & S fully understand the implications of Health Scrutiny.				
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and was mindful that this would be a large undertaking for the Council.				
Executive Response	The Executive agreed with the O & S Committee's comments.				

Item no.	16	**Title**	Fetherston Court Development Options	**Requested by**	Lib Dem Group

Reason considered	Because of the need to fully understand the effect on HomeChoice.
Scrutiny Comment	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report and was hopeful that the building could be used for short term, emergency housing during the decant period.
Executive Response	The Executive thanked the O & S Committee for its comments and the Portfolio Holder agreed to investigate if the site could be used for short term emergency lets.

Item no.	17	**Title**	Tree Maintenance Service	**Requested by**	Lib Dem Group
Reason considered		Because of the concerns about how such changes might affect levels of service.			
Scrutiny Comment		The Overview & Scrutiny Committee expressed concerns that the County Council may not be able to deliver the same level of quality of service. However, members received assurances from Neighbourhood Services that this would be the best outcome for the maintenance and care of the Council's own trees. They agreed that the reasons for the move of the service were compelling & understood that financial pressures meant the present situation could not continue but felt strongly that the SLA would need to be very carefully monitored.			
Executive Response		The Executive thanked the O & S Committee for its comments and many shared the same concerns regarding quality of service, however, assurance was given that this was the best option available.			