FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE & OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a joint meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2012, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bromley, Brookes, Cross, Dagg, Ms Dean, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Mrs Falp, Gill, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Mrs Knight, MacKay, Pittarello, Pratt, Mrs Syson, Wilkinson, Weed, Wilkinson and Wreford-Bush.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Grainger

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davies, Dhillon, Mrs Mellor and Williams.

Councillor Mrs Weed substituted for Councillor Edwards and Councillor Wreford-Bush substituted for Councillor Gifford, Councillor Barrott for Councillor Weber and Councillor Illingworth substituted for Councillor Mrs Sawdon.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor Boad be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS**

The Committee discussed the proposals for the Preferred Options for the new Warwick District Local Plan.

The Joint Overview & Scrutiny and Finance & Audit Committee made the following comments in respect of the Local Plan Preferred Options:

1. Transport – the wording in reference to HS2 should be consistent with that used in the report that went to Council on 1 December 2011 "Interpreting the Vision – Development of the Local Plan for Warwick District" on page 16.

2. Affordable Housing - it should be emphasised that the requirement that 40% of new homes on developments of 10 or more dwellings in urban areas, and 5 or more dwellings in rural areas would be enforced unless there were "exceptional" circumstances.

3. Green Belt – paragraph 16.5 should be omitted.

4. The Joint Committee thanked the officers for the work they had done

under such tight timescales.

(The meeting ended at 8.00 pm)