

**26 October 2010**

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE. IT IS INTENDED TO  
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**1. Emergency Procedure**

The Emergency procedure for the Town Hall was announced.

**\*2. Substitutes**

There were no substitutes or apologies for absence.

**\*3. Declarations of Interest**

These would be detailed in the minutes.

**\*4. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2010 were agreed.

**\*5. Comments from the Executive**

The report was noted.

**\*6. Forward Plan – The Executive Work Plan.**

- 1) The report was noted; and
- 2) Councillor Wilkinson be nominated to speak to Paul Pinkney regarding the Economic Development Strategy and the Potential Regeneration projects in Old Town reports and to report back to the Committee on the progress of these reports and any issues requiring scrutiny input at the next meeting.
- 3) A themes and directions report in relation to the Forward Plan listings for the Housing Strategy and the Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy was requested for the next meeting

**\*7. Review of the Work Programme**

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1)** The report was noted;
- 2)** a report regarding Scrutiny of Partnerships be submitted to the Committee in November;
- 3)** Maintenance of tree's report to be deferred until further notice with only a verbal feedback on progress from members of the Task and Finish Group to be made to the November meeting ;

- 4) Creation of Volunteering Policy to be deferred until the December meeting.
- 5) reports be brought to the November Committee which set out the theme and direction papers of those items in the forward plan that the Committee felt were most important. These included:
  - a) Private Sector Empty homes Strategy
  - b) Housing Strategy
- 6) Verbal report back from Cllr. Wilkinson on Economic Development Strategy and the Potential Regeneration projects in Old Town at the next meeting

**\*8. Discretionary Travel Scheme**

The Committee requested that the Task and Finish Group reconvenes to discuss what further information can be included in the report in relation to the funding required for each recommendation and that an amended report would be brought back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be agreed.

**\*9. Call-in – Executive – 29 September 2010 - Free Swimming**

The Committee agreed to refer the decision to the Executive on 24 November 2010

The Committee agreed that Executive should be advised that they supported recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 in the report but not recommendation 2.3.

The Committee voted on an alternative recommendation to 2.3:  
That the decision to discontinue free swimming for over 60's and under 16's from 1/4/11 is deferred pending a wider examination of discretionary payments as part of the 2011/12 budget setting process, with specific consideration given to investigation of an alternative approach of funding free swimming lessons to non-swimmers aged 11 or over and under 16.

**\*10. Executive Agenda (Non-Confidential Items and Reports) – Wednesday 29 September 2010**

Item 4 – Fees and Charges

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and, in particular noted and supported the approach outlined in 3.3. They felt the emphasis on increasing the volume of take up of services rather than the price was right.

The Committee also had concerns regarding the different fees for burials and cremations for residents and non residents and sought clarification of whether the surcharge should be applied to former residents.

Item 5 – Plans to Celebrating 2012 in Warwick District

The Committee congratulated the officers on the revised report. They were delighted that officers had also included a large number of taster sessions to encourage people to get involved in sport and activities in the District including those sports and activities some people were not aware of.

Item 6 – Christchurch Gardens Improvements

The Committee were of the opinion that Executive should respond positively to the Town Council as set out in 2.2 and should proceed to negotiations as soon as possible as set out in 2.3. They supported the principle of areas being transferred to town or parish councils or community based organisations but also felt that those who took over the gardens should be aware that they will need to maintain the area.

#### Item 8 – Gypsy and Traveller Site Update

The Committee welcomed the report and felt that looking for a temporary site was a matter of urgency. However, they did not want the search for a permanent site to be delayed and that if a site was to come forward this should be considered.

(The meeting finished at 8.40pm)