

Scrutiny Recommendations to the Executive for the 2011/12 Portfolio Plans

Appendix A

Portfolio	Date of Scrutiny Meeting	Scrutiny Panel	Recommendations	Applicable to all Portfolio Plans
Housing Infrastructure and Planning	27 th January 2011	Places	<p>1. The Executive consider carefully the impact of the reduction in support for Housing advice (Budget code: BE13).</p> <p>2. The Portfolio Plan go forward to the Executive as set out.</p>	No No
Environmental Service Delivery	27 th January 2011	Places	<p>1. Further analysis on how 'risk ratings' are defined be provided with future Portfolio Plans.</p> <p>2. The Executive consider carefully the impact on voluntary organisations following withdrawal of funding for The Settling Rooms.</p> <p>3. The Portfolio Plan go forward to the Executive as set out.</p>	Yes No No
Local Business and Enterprise	27 th January 2011	Places	<p>1. The Voluntary Sector be included in Council initiatives to help local businesses (for example, through attendance at Business Networking Events).</p> <p>2. Further information on the Council's policy for the letting of the Harborough Innovation Centre business units be provided to Members.</p> <p>2. The Portfolio Plan go forward to the Executive as set out.</p>	No No No
Asset Management	3 rd February 2011	Resource Development	<p>1. Re. 'Value Link' columns in Portfolio Plans: rather than specifying applicable values to specific projects, it should be taken as read that all Council 'values' are relevant to all projects. Portfolio Holders may consider removing these columns from future Portfolio Plans. If these columns remain part of future Portfolio Plans they should contain more-detailed information to assist decision making.</p> <p>2. In future this Portfolio Plan should contain progress reports on current asset-related projects. This should include links to previous reports, where appropriate.</p>	Yes No
Finance	3 rd February 2011	Resource Development	<p>1. 'Leisure Centre Trust Operations and Finance' is suggested as an item for Scrutiny in a future Scrutiny Work-plan.</p> <p>2. An email be sent to Members for information on who is involved with the Bowden's Trust.</p>	No No

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			<p>3. The item 'Oversight of Charitable Trusts' be removed from the Portfolio Plan.</p> <p>4. The Executive consider further reductions of operational costs of statutory functions.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p>
Corporate and Customer Services	10 th February 2011	People	<p>1. It is proposed to cease selling tickets for local events through the Council's Customer Service desks. The Executive should consider reinstating this function, in the future, if a commercially-feasible approach can be devised.</p> <p>2. The Portfolio Plan be forwarded to the Executive as set out.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>
Community Safety and Enforcement	10 th February 2011	People	<p>1. Presentation of budgetary information, in relation to Portfolio Plans, should be realigned with revised Officer structures should the Officer structure change (so that it is clear who is responsible for each budget).</p> <p>2. More-detailed budgetary information should be provided to Scrutiny Panels with future Portfolio Plans. This does not need to contain exhaustive detail but should be sufficient to assist debate.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
Community Engagement, Cohesion and Wellbeing	10 th February 2011	People	<p>Regarding activities proposed to cease: the following activities, in the following order of preference, should be supported by the Executive where possible in the proposed budget:</p> <p>1. Voluntary Action South Leicestershire, 2. Harborough Sport and Activity Alliance, 3. Harborough Museum, 4. Youth Council, 5. Arts Fresco. 6. Citizens Advice Bureau.</p> <p>2. Litter-picking and Flood Defence reductions be reconsidered by the Executive.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>