

Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker
Recommendations made directly by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2011/12

Date of O&S Committee	Recommendation	Date considered by Executive Committee	Comments on action taken to implement the Committee's recommendations (where required).
24/05/11	<p>Petition: Unicorn Hill – Location of the Taxi Rank</p> <p>Recommended that the petition and an accompanying Officer report be submitted to the Licensing Committee for consideration by that body.</p>	21/06/11	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendation was APPROVED.</p> <p>The petition was considered at a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 14th July 2011. Following receipt of the petition a consultation exercise had been carried out with relevant agencies, including West Mercia Police, West Mercia Road Traffic Management Police, Redditch Taxi Association and Worcestershire County Council (WCC). The consensus amongst those consulted was that the current location of the taxi rank was the most ideal location to service travellers on that side of the town.</p> <p>The suggestion by the petitioners to move the rank to the station car park was not considered to be viable as the Council has no right of access to Private Land and previous enquiries had resulted in a negative response from the land owners.</p>

			A further attempt was made to present the petition for the consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2011. However, the petition was not accepted for reconsideration, because it had been determined by the Council as recently as July 2011.
26/07/11	<p>Waste Collection Rates</p> <p>Recommended that the previous best performance indicator BV 84, which measures the total amount of waste collected (kg per head) be incorporated into the quarterly performance monitoring report.</p>	23/08/11	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendation was APPROVED.</p> <p>The PI started to be monitored in the Council's quarterly monitoring reports from the second quarter of the 2011/12 year.</p>
16/08/11	<p>Private Sector Home Support Service – Post-Scrutiny</p> <p>Recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Home Support Service be extended to all eligible residents of the Borough regardless of tenure; 2) the Council enable this service to be available to those who are not eligible for supporting people funding; and 	21/02/12	<p>The Committee have asked that Officers produce a detailed business case first for the consideration of the Executive Committee before any decision is made about the Committee's recommendation.</p> <p>Report to be considered by the Executive Committee on 21/02/12</p>

	<p>3) arrangements mirror other housing associations and extend the supporting people eligibility to those on Council tax benefit.</p>		
16/08/11	<p>Staff Volunteering Policy</p> <p>Recommended that</p> <p>subject to noting Members' comments as detailed in the preamble above (<i>as set out in relevant minute</i>), the Staff Volunteering Policy be approved.</p>	23/08/11	The recommendation was APPROVED.
27/09/11	<p>External Refurbishment of Housing Stock Short, Sharp Review – Update Report</p> <p>Recommended that:</p> <p>1) based on the costs involved, no further action be taken regarding repainting the pebble dashed facades of properties located on Ombersley Close and Rushock Close;</p> <p>2) no further consultation work be undertaken in respect of the repainting of pebble dashed facades.</p>	15/11/11	The recommendations were APPROVED. No further action was required in relation to these recommendations.

<p>18/10/11</p>	<p>Petition Regarding the War Memorial</p> <p>Recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that planters be installed around the war memorial to deter people from sitting on the war memorial; 2) a campaign of education about the war memorial be launched to increase awareness of the purpose of the war memorial; 3) the Executive Committee ask Officers to investigate the possibility of introducing improved signage for the war memorial; 4) the Executive Committee ask Officers to investigate the possibility of introducing seating in the area; 5) the Executive Committee ask Officers to investigate the possibility of installing an extra litter bin in the area. 	<p>15/11/11</p>	<p>The recommendations were APPROVED.</p> <p>Officers have had some plans drawn up for the planters which will go around and replicate the shape of the Memorial. These will cost £710 in materials and will take approximately one week to make. This cost does not include any of the soil/materials/plants that will be required.</p> <p>The electrical box situated opposite the Memorial has been identified as a suitable location for some polite signage requesting that people treat the area with due respect and reverence.</p> <p>Officers have identified that two benches could be placed on the raised area surrounding the Memorial. They can be attached to the wall to make them secure which will require the manufacture of some bespoke brackets. The brackets will cost approximately £140 plus vat. The Council would be able to utilise benches that are currently in storage but they would need to be refurbished. A quotation received for this work is £1,150 plus VAT, however, Officers are awaiting a second quotation.</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder has been kept up to date with what Officers are doing regarding the War memorial.</p>
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<p>18/10/11</p>	<p>Quarterly Meeting of the Leader and Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Recommended that</p> <p>the quarterly meetings between the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Leader of the Council be removed as a requirement from the Council's constitution.</p>	<p>15/11/11</p>	<p>The recommendation was APPROVED.</p> <p>This requirement has now been removed from the Council's constitution.</p>
<p>08/11/11</p>	<p>Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Recommended that</p> <p>Redditch Borough Council does not approve the merger of Redditch Community Safety Partnership (RCSP) with Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) and Wyre Forest Community safety Partnership (WFCSP) resulting in the creation of a North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP).</p>	<p>15/11/11</p>	<p>The recommendation was REJECTED.</p>

<p>08/11/11</p>	<p>Gritting and Snow Clearance – Redditch Borough Council’s Approach</p> <p>Recommended that</p> <p>1) the following policy be adopted with regards to gritting and snow clearance:</p> <p>Redditch Borough Council will strive to keep the following areas clear of snow and ice and safe to use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) crematorium and cemeteries to allow funerals to continue;b) Redditch Borough Council staff car parks to ensure that there are suitable parking areas for Council staff who are getting into work to provide essential services;c) key Council sites like the Town Hall and district centres to assist local shops and businesses and enable residents to access services;	<p>15/11/11</p>	<p>Each of the recommendations were APPROVED.</p> <p>Officers have arranged to present a separate report outlining the response to the Committee’s recommendations as well as the original recommendations from the Gritting Short, Sharp Review Group on 6th March 2012. Further information on the action that has been taken in response to scrutiny proposals will therefore be provided on that date.</p>
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	<p>d) gritting/snow clearance at other areas including Council sheltered accommodation will only be carried out subject to available resources; gritting/snow clearance at Council owned sheltered accommodation will be to allow the home Support Service Access to residents;</p> <p>2) the Council will not provide grit bins on any highway land but may provide grit bins on its own land to enable gritting to take place – e.g. at leisure sites;</p> <p>3) further publicity is undertaken to ensure that residents are aware of how the Council will deal with gritting/snow clearance and what to do when bad weather affects their waste collection service;</p> <p>4) Officers purchase appropriate snow clearance and gritting equipment from within existing budgets; and</p>		
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	<p>5) relevant Officers from Redditch Borough Council arrange a meeting with relevant Officers from Worcestershire County Council in advance of winter 2011/12 to discuss additional issues raised in the Gritting Short, Sharp Review Group's final report and arrangements for gritting and snow clearance in Redditch for the winter.</p>		
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Total Number of recommendations by 1st January 2012: 20

Number of Recommendations APPROVED by the Executive Committee: 16

Number of Recommendations REJECTED by the Executive Committee: 1

Number of recommendations PENDING CONSIDERATION: 3