

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 6 DECEMBER 2011

REPORT BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the comments and recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committees since the last meeting of the Executive and should be read in conjunction with reports of the Executive Members found elsewhere on the agenda.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u>	
(A)	That the report be received.

1.0 Background

1.1 Scrutiny meetings have been held recently as follows:

Environment Scrutiny – 15 November 2011

Community Scrutiny – 22 November 2011

Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee – 29 November 2011

2.0 Report

2.1 **Review of Discretionary Rate Relief**
(Agenda Item 8)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee resolved that the Executive be informed that the following organisations could be considered for a reduction in the discretionary element of their rate relief:

- Pubs

- Petrol filling stations
- Sports clubs with and without bars
- Village Halls (reduce by 5%)
- Charities – where their funding comes from national/central sources

3.0 Other Issues

3.1 The Community Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the **Community Safety: A Focussed Review - Task and Finish Group Interim Report** and agreed that the Executive be informed that any reduction in funding should be recommended to the Community Safety Partnership on the basis of the order of items detailed in the report submitted. Further, that the Community Scrutiny Committee was of the view that the principle of equity and parity in respect of CCTV funding/charging across the District should be applied and reached in a 2 to 3 year stepped process.

4.0 Implications/Consultations

4.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/Objectives (<i>delete as appropriate</i>):	This report seeks to summarise scrutiny activities, which in general terms, support all of the Council's objectives.
Consultation:	This report assists the wider consultation process in reporting issues arising from scrutiny to the Executive.
Legal:	The Constitution requires issues arising from Scrutiny to be reported to the Executive.
Financial:	None
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	None