A meeting of the Economic and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 19th March, 2015.

**Present**

Councillor B.J. Longden – Chair

Councillors R. Tromans (Vice-Chair), P.M. Elliott, W.J. Hancox (substitute for Councillor J.A. Tandy), K.A. Kondakor, S.J. Margrave, G.D. Pomfrett, C.M. Watkins, Ms D. Palmer and Mr G. Sonola

Apologies were received from Councillors P.D. Hickling and J.A. Tandy

**EC34 Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January, 2015 be confirmed.

**EC35 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor K.A. Kondakor declared an Other Interest in any item by reason of him being a member of Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor C.M. Watkins declared an Other Interest in any item by reason of him being a Community Safety Ambassador.

**EC36 Revised Integrated Performance Report**

The Chair of the Panel introduced a report outlining the work that had been undertaken, by the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs together with the Performance Manager and the Head of Audit, in reviewing the integrated performance report format.

RESOLVED that

1. the revised and amended report format be approved; and
2. consistency be maintained in the reporting of information in bar chart format.

**EC37 Local Council Tax Support Scheme**

The Panel considered a report on the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15 which had been considered and agreed by Cabinet on 3rd December, 2014.
RESOLVED that

(1) the report be noted; and
(2) the number of repeat applications for contributions from the hardship fund be circulated to members of the Panel.

EC38 **Council Spending over £500 Register**

This item was withdrawn.

EC39 **Market Appeal Procedure**

Members discussed the disciplinary procedure with regard to market stallholders’ right of appeal against minor and serious offences, particularly in respect of the timescales involved in the hearing of a recent case.

RESOLVED that

(1) the report be noted; and
(2) this Council’s Appeals procedures and processes be compared with those of other local authorities to ensure best practice.

EC40 **Equality and Diversity**

Members considered a report from the Director – Governance and Recreation which updated them on the Council’s activity in relation to Equality and Diversity.

RESOLVED that the publication of the Public Sector Equality Duty Compliance Report contained in Appendix B of the report be approved and the Council’s legal obligations be complied with.

EC41 **Response from Cabinet**

The Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees) reported on Cabinet’s decision to forward this Panel’s comments on to Warwickshire County Council in respect of the consultation document on third sector funding.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

EC42 **Work Programme**

The work programme 2014/15 was presented to the Panel.

RESOLVED that the remaining item on the Work Programme for 2014/15 be forwarded to the work programme for 2015/16.
EC43 Chair’s Announcement

As this was the last meeting of this Panel for this Municipal Year, the Chair thanked members of the Panel and officers for their hard work and support over the past year.

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Chair