

Report Title	Committee Update Report
Meeting	Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Meeting Date	23 April 2024
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Wards Affected	All
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet Forward Plan 2. Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report asked Members to consider both the Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions and the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme. The report also details any activity since the last meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the Cabinet Forward Plan of Key to identify potential areas for scrutiny activity or where further information sharing is required (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Review and provide feedback on the Committee Work Programme to ensure effective, impactful scrutiny activity (Appendix 2).
- 2.3 Identify areas on which Committee Members require further information or other action to support their scrutiny role.
- 2.4 Note the informal activity since the last meeting of the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

3. Information: the Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

- 3.1 The Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions can be used to identify potential areas for scrutiny activity or where further information sharing is required.
- 3.2 The current Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 May 2024 to 30 August 2024 is attached at appendix 1.
- 3.3 Members are asked to consider the Cabinet Forward Plan of Key Decisions and decide whether they should be reflected in the Committee's work programme.
- 3.4 The Committee's Work Programme is attached at appendix 2. This is a live document; it is for this Committee to discuss and further develop.

Informal Activity

- 3.5 Council Plan Delivery Framework - informal scrutiny session held on 27 March 2024, hosted by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.6 Performance Management Framework- informal scrutiny session held on 5 March 2024, hosted by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.7 Community and interest groups contacted to provide information that could support the Committee in relation to the 'Water Quality Regulation' item at the April Committee Meeting.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- 4.1 Supporting active, healthy, happy lives for young and old
- 4.2 Providing leadership in the drive to become carbon net zero
- 4.3 Confident empowered, resilient communities
- 4.4 Sustainable, inclusive economic growth

5. Consultation Outcomes

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. Climate and Biodiversity Implications

- 8.1 Not applicable

9. Legal and Governance Implications

- 9.1 Under the Constitution, the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee may scrutinise matters coming before Cabinet. This report contains the Forward Plan of proposed Cabinet decisions, so Members of the Committee may identify any potential areas for future scrutiny activity.

10. Human Resources Health Wellbeing and Safety Implications

- 10.1 There are no HR health, wellbeing and safety implications based on the information contained in the report.

11. Financial Implications

- 11.1 There are no financial implications based on the information contained in the report.

12. Equality and Diversity Implications (please ensure these are compliant with the EIA Guidance)

- 12.1 EIA not required

13. Background Documents

- 13.1 No additional background papers