# PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 04 APRIL 2025

## BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING REPORT (HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT FOCUS)

Report by Executive Director Resources and Section 151 Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. The Committee is RECOMMENDED to
  - consider the report and raise any questions, and to AGREE any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.

## **Executive Summary**

- 2. The Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a constitutional responsibility to scrutinise 'corporate performance and directorate performance and financial reporting.'
- 3. The Cabinet is informed of the Council's performance via the Business Management and Monitoring Report (BMMR). To aid focus, the Committee has agreed to focus on the Highways and Environment Service. Future meetings may wish to consider the council's other service areas.
- 4. An abridged version of the BMMR is provided to reflect this focus as Annex 1. Additional background is provided through the Capital Programme and Monitoring Report, which is similarly abridged as Annex 2.

## **Background**

- 5. The Cabinet receives its BMMR report every two months, which reports on the Council's performance in terms of finance, delivery and risk, including detail at a service level. The last report BMMR report submitted to Cabinet was considered on 25 March 2025, containing data up to January 2025. To support a focus on the Highways and Environment element of the BMMR report, only data relating specifically to this service is included. In that respect, the report is the same as that considered by Cabinet on 25 March 2025.
- 6. Committee members should be aware that they are being provided with the scorecard of the Council's performance in full for assurance and completeness. However, those KPIs directly relating to Environment and Highways are:

- OCC01.02 Total No. of streetlights fitted with LED Lanterns
- OCC01.07 Total % of household waste which is reused, recycled or composted
- OCC05.03 204.6 KM (4.4%) of the road network to be treated
- OCC06.02 Percentage of newly planted trees still alive on land OCC own & manage
- 7. The Capital Programme and Monitoring Report is not part of the BMMR report and is separately considered by Cabinet. However, it is included as useful background to some of the data within the BMMR. It, too, includes data with a focus on corporate issues and those within Highways and Environment.

## **Corporate Policies and Priorities**

8. Overall corporate performance supports all the Council's policies and strategic priorities. Whilst the work of Environment and Highways has cross-cutting input into all the Council's strategic priorities also, its work primarily furthers the Council's ambitions to "put action address the climate emergency at the heart of our work", "invest in an inclusive, integrated and sustainable transport network", and "preserve and improve access to nature and green spaces".

## **Financial Implications**

9. There are no additional financial implications beyond those outlined within the appendices to this report.

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## **Legal Implications**

- 10. The Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a specific responsibility within its terms of reference, under Part 6.1A of the Constitution 5 (1) (a) to scrutinise 'corporate performance and directorate performance and financial reporting'.
- 11. There are no additional legal implications beyond those outlined within the appendices to this report.

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Annex: Annex 1: Abridged Business Management and Monitoring

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Annex 2: Abridged Capital Programme and Monitoring

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Background papers: None

Other Documents: None

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