

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provided within two months from the date on which it is requested¹ and, if the report or recommendations in questions were published, the response also must be so.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Verge and Vegetation Management

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Andrew Gant, Cabinet member for Transport Management

Date response requested:² 18 November 2025

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. That the Council should increase communications, consultation, and engagement about the benefits for biodiversity of verge and vegetation		

¹ Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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management to ensure that members and residents, as well as parish and town councils, understand the rationale.		
2. That the Council should commit to progressing the digitisation of an online platform setting out the status of verges and vegetation across the county.		
3. That the Council should explore the possibility of increasing the number of places where 'cut and pile' is undertaken		
4. That the Council should undertake a review of the amount paid to parish and town councils to assess whether it would be appropriate to increase the amount		
5. That the Council should commit to the possibility of a second cut when weather conditions have resulted in unexpectedly high growth.		