

## Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

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**Issue:** **Minerals and Waste Planning**

**Lead Cabinet Member(s):** **Cllr Laura Gordon, Cabinet Member for Economy and Environment**

**Date response requested:<sup>2</sup>** **19 June 2026**

### Response to recommendations:

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Accepted, rejected or partially accepted</b>	<b>Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)</b>
1. That the Council should develop and implement proportionate and meaningful KPIs for Minerals and Waste monitoring and enforcement activity, recognising case complexity, and report back on the		

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

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<p>proposed measures and reporting arrangements.</p>		
<p>2. That the Council should ensure that its ongoing organisational reorganisation and workforce planning explicitly assess whether Minerals and Waste planning functions are adequately resourced, including succession planning for specialist roles, to meet statutory duties and the 30-month plan-making timetable.</p>		
<p>3. That the Council should strengthen and standardise liaison arrangements for major Minerals and Waste sites, including where appropriate through planning obligations, and improve officer support and briefings for councillors who chair or attend liaison groups.</p>		
<p>4. That the Council should reinstate regular reporting of formal Minerals and Waste enforcement activity and outcomes to the Planning and Regulation Committee, to support effective oversight of this non-executive function.</p>		
<p>5. That the Council should review and update its online information on Minerals and Waste planning responsibilities, policies and enforcement arrangements, to improve accessibility and clarity for members and the public.</p>		

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<p>6. That the Council should consider commissioning an independent review of Minerals and Waste planning processes, including a sample review of enforcement practice, the use of extensions and section 73 applications, and the adequacy of resources to discharge the Council's statutory responsibilities.</p>		
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