

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: **Commercial Strategy**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Dan Levy, Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation**

Date response requested:² **14 June 2026**

Response to report:

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

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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)
<p>1. That the Cabinet develops a more transparent balance between the need for commercial confidentiality with the need for effective scrutiny, particularly in relation to significant commercial decisions.</p>		
<p>2. That the Cabinet circulates to members of the Committee detail of how the Council is working with district and city partners around commercial activity in light of forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation.</p>		
<p>3. That the Cabinet provides a timeline for completion of the commercial dashboard in response to this recommendation, with a completion date significantly earlier than the end of the current financial year.</p>		
<p>4. That the Cabinet details with practical examples how implementation of the Commercial Strategy has improved the quality, performance and value for money of Council contracts.</p>		

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