

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 DECEMBER
2022

The Council's Performance against the Waste Strategy – Draft Committee Report

Timetable	
Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	20 December 2022
Planning Committee	19 January 2023
Executive	8 February 2023
Council Officers (as applicable)	January 2023

Will this be a Key Decision?	No
Urgency	Not Applicable
Final Decision-Maker	Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any agreed actions arising from the review will be presented to the relevant Decision Maker in January 2023
Lead Director	Angela Woodhouse, Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance
Lead Officer and Report Author	Oliviya Parfitt, Democratic Services Officer
Classification	Public
Wards affected	All

Executive Summary

A report supplemented by the draft Committee report to conclude 'The Council's Performance against the Waste Strategy' review. Once agreed, the report will be presented to the relevant decision makers from January 2023.

Purpose of Report

Decision

This report makes the following recommendations to the Committee

1. That the Committee consider the report attached at Appendix 1 and agree any amendments they wish to make to the report; and
 2. That draft report attached at Appendix 1 to the report, amended by the Committee as appropriate, be agreed and submitted to the relevant decision makers.
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1. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<p>Impact on Corporate Priorities</p>	<p>The four Strategic Plan objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embracing Growth and Enabling Infrastructure • Safe, Clean and Green • Homes and Communities • A Thriving Place <p>We do not expect the recommendations will by themselves materially affect achievement of corporate priorities at this stage.</p> <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).</p>	<p>Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Objectives</p>	<p>The four cross-cutting objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage is Respected • Health Inequalities are Addressed and Reduced • Deprivation and Social Mobility is Improved • Biodiversity and Environmental Sustainability is respected <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).</p>	<p>Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance</p>

Risk Management	See Section 5 of the report.	Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance
Financial	<p>The proposals set out in the recommendation are all within already approved budgetary headings and so need for new funding for implementation.</p> <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).</p>	Democratic Services Officer
Staffing	We will deliver the recommendations with our current staffing.	Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance
Legal	<p>In accordance with Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) the Council is operating under Executive Arrangements. These arrangements must include provision for the appointment of one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and scrutinise the Executive Decisions made, or other actions taken relating to the exercise of Executive functions. – LGA 2000, Section 9F.</p> <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).</p>	Legal Team
Information Governance	<p>The recommendations do not impact personal information (as defined in UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018) the Council processes.</p> <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and</p>	Senior Information Governance Officer

	Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).	
Equalities	The recommendations do not propose a change in service therefore will not require an equalities impact assessment.	Equalities & Communities Officer
Public Health	<p>We recognise that the recommendations will not negatively impact on population health or that of individuals.</p> <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).</p>	Democratic Services Officer
Crime and Disorder	No impacts identified.	Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance
Procurement	No impacts identified.	Director of Strategy, Insight & Governance
Biodiversity and Climate Change	<p>The impacts of the Waste Strategy Review on Biodiversity and Climate Change have been considered and aligns with actions 4.1 to 4.5 of the Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan.</p> <p>Any actions agreed by the Committee as part of their review will be considered by the relevant Officers and Decision makers. This will take place via the presentation of the Committee's formal report and Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP).</p>	Biodiversity and Climate Change Manager

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A review into the 'Council's Performance against the Waste Strategy' (Waste Strategy Review) was held at the 2 and 3 November 2022 meetings of the Committee. These meetings were attended by the relevant Council Officers and Lead Members, with the agenda papers and minutes for those meetings accessible through section 9 of this report.

- 2.2 Following those meetings, the actions identified by the Committee were presented for consideration and comment at its last meeting on the 22 November 2022.
- 2.3 The comments made by the Committee at that meeting have been included within the (draft) Committee report attached at appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.4 The Committee is asked to consider and approve the report for submission to the relevant decision-makers. The Committee should make changes to the draft report where it feels these are necessary.
- 2.5 The decision makers relevant to the recommendations contained within the (draft) Committee report attached at appendix 1 are:

Lead Member for Communities and Public Engagement
 Lead Member for Environmental Services
 Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure
 Planning Committee
 Head of Development Management

Once agreed, the aspects of the report that are relevant to each decision-maker will be presented to them at their next public meeting. The timetable shown on the first page of this report has been included below:

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<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>
Planning Committee	19 January 2023
Executive	8 February 2023
Head of Development Management	January 2023

3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 Option 1 – Amend and/or Approve the (draft) Committee report as contained within appendix 1 to the report.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Do not amend and/or approve the (draft) Committee report as contained within appendix 1 to the report. This is not recommended, as this will prevent the Democratic Services Officer from formally submitting the Committee’s report (and recommendations) of the review to the relevant decision-makers. This will prevent the consideration of the Committee’s recommendations and prevent any subsequent actions from being taken.

4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 as outlined in point 3.1 of the report.

5. RISK

5.1 The risks associated with this proposal, including the risks if the Council does not act as recommended, have been considered in line with the Council's Risk Management Framework. We are satisfied that the risks associated are within the Council's risk appetite and will be managed as per the Policy.

6. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

6.1 The timeline of the Committee's undertaking of the review is as follows:

Committee Meeting	Action
6 October 2022	The Committee agreed to undertake a review into the Waste Strategy.
2 and 3 November 2022	The Committee reviewed the Waste Strategy via formal Committee Meetings.
22 November 2022	The Committee considered and commented upon the 'List of recommended actions arising from the Waste Strategy Review'.

7. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

7.1 If agreed, the report will be presented to the relevant decision makers as outlined in point 2.5 of the report.

7.2 In receiving this Committee's report, those decision-makers will also be presented with an Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP). This SCRAIP will contain comments from the relevant officers on any considerations and/or impacts arising from each of this Committee's recommendations. This will ensure that the decision-makers are presented with all the relevant, appropriate and applicable information before reaching a decision. This is standard practice and is reflective of good governance.

8. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix 1: (draft) Committee Report: The Council's Performance against the Waste Strategy.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Agenda and Minutes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2022: [Your Councillors - Maidstone Borough Council](#)

Agenda and Minutes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 2 November 2022: [Your Councillors - Maidstone Borough Council](#)

Agenda and Minutes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 3 November 2022: [Your Councillors - Maidstone Borough Council](#)

Agenda and Minutes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2022: [Your Councillors - Maidstone Borough Council](#)