



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee - 6 October 2025

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Presentation by the Portfolio Holder for Climate & the Environment
Purpose of Report	Update on Role of the Portfolio Holder for Climate and the Environment
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note the contents of the report.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee (PPIC) meeting held on 29 January 2024, Members agreed a process for Portfolio Holders to be invited to meetings of the Committee. This enabled the Portfolio Holder to brief the Committee on their remit and current and future plans and projects. It would also offer the Committee opportunity to ask focussed questions of the Portfolio Holder. This process ran from March 2024 to March 2025.
- 1.2 At the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025, Members agreed to a change in the process for Portfolio Holders attending Committee.
- 1.3 The new change in process requested that Portfolio Holders report back on ‘specific areas’ of their Portfolio, which will be requested by the Committee. Portfolio Holders are asked to produce a short report, present back to the Committee and take questions.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

- 2.1 This report relates to the Portfolio Holder for Climate & the Environment, Cllr Simon Forde.

The Committee has requested information on:

1. To what extent is the Climate Change Action Plan reaching and succeeding in its goals and milestones?”
2. What do you see as priorities for next year as we move into the budget setting process?
3. Are we on track for the rollout of domestic food waste collections from 2027?

4. Biodiversity and tree planting is a key strand of the Council's Community Plan – how are we delivering?
5. Reducing the Council's carbon footprint is a key objective of the Council. How is the Council progressing to this goal?
6. What opportunities exist as a result of LGR?

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- **Full Council Report - 8 March 2022** – Proposals for the new governance arrangements.
- **PPIC Report -29 January 2024** - Attendance by Portfolio Holders to Future Meetings of the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee
- **PPIC Report - 14 April 2025**- Attendance by Portfolio Holders to Future Meetings of the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee