

Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 12 January 2026

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Report Summary			
Report Title	Customer Feedback – Half Year 1 - 2025/2026		
Purpose of Report	The customer feedback report is an opportunity for the Committee to see what complaints are being submitted across the organisation. It gives an opportunity to understand how the customer is receiving the services we deliver and is a form of performance management to inform how well we are doing and where we can improve.		
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note the Customer Feedback Half 1 report.		
Reason for Recommendation	To enable the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee to review the customer feedback received between April and September 2025.		

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council values resident feedback on services received and has a robust customer feedback policy to capture, investigate, respond and learn from the insights it gives. This policy involves a two-stage complaint process, with the opportunity for complainants to escalate to the relevant Ombudsman if unsatisfied after Stage 2.
- 1.2 Feedback, both positive and negative, is crucial for identifying areas needing improvement and preventing larger issues. Significant work has been done in the past year on complaints policy, procedure and staff training. Key developments include comprehensive training for complaint handlers, a complaints toolkit, complaint response templates and adjustments to accommodate new Housing Ombudsman response times.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

2.1 It is recommended that the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee review the Customer Feedback Half 1 2025/26 report.

- 2.2 This report is shared with SLT and then Business Managers before being presented to the Committees below. This enables Directors and Business Managers to consider if there are any themes and actions, they need to undertake to improve the services they provide.
 - Member Champion for Complaints
 - Policy & Performance Improvement Committee
 - Housing Assurance Board

3.0 Implications

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

Implications Considered					
Yes – relevant and included / NA – not applicable					
Financial	NA	Equality & Diversity	NA		
Human Resources	NA	Human Rights	NA		
Legal	NA	Data Protection	NA		
Digital & Cyber Security	NA	Safeguarding	NA		
Sustainability	NA	Crime & Disorder	NA		
LGR	NA	Tenant Consultation	NA		

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.

None