

# SCRUTINY COMMISSION - MONDAY, 29 APRIL 2024

## Report of the Head of Democracy

### SCRUTINY COMMISSION PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY – CABINET RESPONSE

#### Purpose of Report

To set out the Cabinet's responses to the recommendations of the Commission on pre-decision scrutiny items.

#### Action Requested

To note the responses to the recommendations submitted by the Commission on items considered for pre-decision scrutiny.

#### Policy Context

One of the principles of effective scrutiny, identified by the Centre for Public Governance and Scrutiny, is "provide a constructive critical friend challenge to the Executive".

#### Pre-decision Scrutiny

Since the meeting of the Commission on 2nd April 2024, the Cabinet considered the following items on which the Commission undertook pre-decision scrutiny:

- A. ASSETS REVIEW
- B. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
- C. BIODIVERSITY IMPROVEMENTS – CHANGES TO MOWING ARRANGEMENTS
- D. TOWARDS A CORPORATE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Details of the Commission's consideration of the items as reported to the meeting of the Cabinet on the 4th April 2024 can be found in the minutes from the Commission's meeting on 2nd April 2024.

The Chair of the Commission, Councillor Rattray, attended the Cabinet's meeting on the 4th April 2024 to present the Commission's reports to the Cabinet.

#### Cabinet Response

The Cabinet considered the Commission's reports and acknowledged the work undertaken and the views of the Commission. In particular, the Cabinet responded as follows to the reports:

#### ASSETS REVIEW

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

#### BIODIVERSITY IMPROVEMENTS – CHANGES TO MOWING ARRANGEMENTS

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

#### TOWARDS A CORPORATE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

#### Report Implications

##### ***Financial Implications***

*None*

##### ***Risk Management***

*No risks have been identified in connection with this report.*

##### ***Equality and Diversity***

*None.*

##### **Climate Change and Carbon Impact**

*None.*

##### ***Crime and Disorder***

*None.*

##### **Wards Affected**

*Not applicable.*

##### **Publicity Arrangements**

*None.*

##### ***Consultations***

*None.*

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Efficient and Effective Council	Yes
Environment and Climate Change	No
Homes and Communities	No
Economy and Growth	No

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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