

## COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

<b>DATE</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Jo Robinson (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Tracking the recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Panel
<b>STATUS</b>	Open

### CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the council and the strategic partnership. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Plan.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each scrutiny panel monitors the progress made on their recommendations through a tracking table, which is included as an appendix of this report.

### MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed or are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources or where priorities have changed.

#### 1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item so that they can check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table. It would also be effective to sign off any recommendations that have not been completed but which are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources, or where priorities have changed.

Appendix A lists progress on tracked items within the terms of reference of this new panel.

Appendix B lists the Full Council budget recommendations to show updates/progress of each scheme.

#### 2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

### **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not applicable to this report.

### **4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

The panel's tracking report demonstrates that the panel monitors progress on its recommendations and required actions. This report further demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

### **5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no impacts on Children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come have been assessed for impact on children and young people.

### **6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium-term financial plan.

### **7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for impact.

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

### **8. MONITORING COMMENTS**

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance, or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (legal), Section 151 Officer (finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead (human resources).

### **9. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Potentially impacts on all wards.

### **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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**TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL**

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
07.09.23	<p><b><u>SPC.28 CCTV UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That further information be provided to the panel on the number of CCTV cameras located in parks across the borough.</p> <p>To remain on tracking to monitor progress i.e. quarterly report by the 15th of the following month.</p>	Assistant Director, Safer & Partnerships	
4.09.25	<p><b><u>SPC.19 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN &amp; GIRLS (STATISTICS /WHITE RIBBON)</u></b></p> <p>RESOLVED That progress against the Action Plan to include annual updates on how the council were delivering against the action plan be built into this panels work programme.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	This has now been added to the panel's work programme for 2026/27 and is due to be received at the November meeting.
4.09.25	<p><b><u>SPC.21 FOOD POVERTY ASSESSMENT</u></b></p> <p>That the Food Poverty Action Plan be added to this panels Tracking Report to monitor progress against the Action Plan.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	This has now been added to the panel's work programme for 2026/27 and is due to be received at the September meeting.
20.11.25  20.11.25	<p><b><u>SPC.29 UPDATE FROM DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER</u></b></p> <p>RESOLVED - That a site visit to the force control room be arranged for communities' scrutiny panel members.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	At the work programme informal workshop meeting, panel members present showed an interest in this site visit being arranged again. Members were informed that this could only go ahead if there was a good uptake in member wanting to go.

20.11.25	<p><b><u>SPC.30 2025/26 QUARTER 2 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>RESOLVED–That a briefing note be provided to cover improvements to and understanding recycling rates in different communities.</p>	Assistant Director Environment	Update: 19.01.26 Added to Work Programme for next year delay briefing note to give officers time to review the data.
20.11.25	<p><b><u>SPC.34 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER</u></b></p> <p>That a further report could be brought back to scrutiny with anonymised data showing how persistent antisocial behaviour and repeated breaches are handled</p>	Chair	Update on 8.01.26: The Chair requested that this remain on tracking.