

Title of report: New Public Realm Services Working Group: Report and recommendations

Meeting: Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: Tuesday 15 October 2024

Report by: Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

All Wards

Purpose

To share the findings and recommendations of the committee's new public realm services working group.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) **The committee note the report and**
- b) **Endorse the findings of the working group's report.**

Alternative options

1. The committee may wish to reject any recommendations contained in the report.

Key considerations

2. At its meeting on 10 July 2024, the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to scrutinise proposals for a new operating model for the council's contract for public realm works. Due to other commitments in its work programme, the committee agreed to carry out this work in an informal working group meeting of committee members. It also agreed to bring its findings

and any recommendations to the committee's meeting on 15 October 2024. This would allow its findings and any recommendations to be considered by Cabinet when it met to decide on the proposed model at its meeting on 28 November 2024.

3. The committee's findings are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Community impact

4. As this report is for information only, it contains no assessment of community impact. However any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may have an impact on the support offered to children and young people leaving the care of the council. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider these potential impacts when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Environmental Impact

5. As this report is for information only, it contains no assessment of environmental impact. However any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may have an impact on the support offered to children and young people leaving the care of the council. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider these potential impacts when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Equality duty

6. The Public Sector Equality Duty requires the council to consider how it can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that it is paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.
7. The mandatory equality impact screening checklist has been completed for this project/decision/activity and it has been found to have low impact for equality.
8. Due to the potential impact of this project/decision/activity being low, a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required. However the following equality considerations should be taken into account when making a decision about this activity/project:
 1. That the committee ensures recommendations that are written in plain English.

Resource implications

9. As this report provides information only, it has no resource implications. However any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create a resource implication. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider that resource implication when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Legal implications

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Risk management

11. As this report is for information only, it contains no risk assessment. However any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create

risks that require management. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider any risk assessment when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Consultees

9. No consultations were carried out in the process of producing this report.

Appendices

1. New Public Realm Services Working Group: Report and recommendations

Background papers

None identified

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