

**Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker 2022-23**

(A key and explanatory note for this tracker table is provided at the end of this report).

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review date
<p>Restoration of the River Wye – Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review.</p>	<p>That the proposed Cabinet Phosphates Commission on the Restoration of the River Wye include in its membership councillors from across the Council who have a particular knowledge of the subject matter.</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 July 2022</p> <p>Cabinet Decision: <i>Partly agreed.</i></p> <p>Executive Response:</p> <p>The Executive Welcomes the recommendation and partly agrees with the suggestion. The Commission will undertake an independent review of the present mechanisms and arrangements which support the Nutrient Management Plan and will suggest improvements. The Executive recognises and values the expertise that exists both inside and outside the Council. We will therefore find ways to include such expertise appropriately within the Commission processes ensuring that an independent review is</p>	<p>Cabinet Members: Councillor Ellie Chowns – Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p> <p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waster Transformation & Wetland Project</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>	<p><i>March 2023</i></p>

		<p>undertaken and their expertise is fully considered. The process and means of delivering the commission will be worked up over the summer recess through a detailed delivery plan. As details have not been fixed yet the Executive will actively explore appropriate inclusion for those with important expertise to bring and regards this as essential to the success of the commission. Further details, will be available for the September meeting of the ESSC.</p>			
	<p>That the Cabinet ensure that every effort is made to promote active participation from the neighbouring local authorities in the work of the proposed Commission.</p>	<p>Cabinet 28 July 2022</p> <p>Cabinet Decision: <i>Agreed.</i></p> <p>Executive Response:</p> <p>The Executive welcomes and agrees with the recommendation and agrees cross border and cross council cooperation is essential to any lasting solution. Active steps to include participation from neighbouring authorities together with our statutory partners at Natural England, Natural Resources Wales</p>	<p>Cabinet Members: Councillor Ellie Chowns – Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p> <p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waster Transformation & Wetland Project</p>	To be determined.	<p>March 2023</p>

		and the Environment Agency too, are well underway.			
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Notes

This is a table to track the progress of scrutiny recommendations made by one of the formal scrutiny committees at Herefordshire Council, with details provided by the relevant lead departments. It is a standing item on the Committee’s agenda, so that the Committee can keep track of the recommendations it has made, the decisions made, implementation status and provoke consideration of outcomes that have for residents, the Council and its statutory partners.

The tracker lists the recommendations made by the committee throughout a municipal year and any recommendations still not fully implemented from previous years since June 2022.

The tracker documents the scrutiny recommendations made, the dates when they were made, the decision maker who can make each decision in respect of the recommendations, the date the decision was made and the actual decision taken. The executive decision taken may be the same as the scrutiny recommendation (e.g. the recommendation was “agreed”) or it may be a different decision, which should be clarified here. The tracker also asks if the respective executive decisions have been implemented and this should be updated accordingly throughout the year.

Scrutiny Task Group report recommendations should be included here but referenced collectively (e.g. the name of the scrutiny inquiry and date of the agreement of the scrutiny report and recommendations by the scrutiny committee, along with the respective dates when the decision maker(s) considered and responded to the report and recommendations. The Committee should generally review the implementation of scrutiny task group report recommendations separately with stand-alone agenda items at relevant junctures – e.g. the Executive Response to a scrutiny report and after six months or a year, or upon expected implementation of the agreed recommendation of report. The “Expected Implementation Date” should provide an indication of a suitable time for review.

Key:

Date of scrutiny committee meeting - For each table, the date of scrutiny committee meeting when the recommendation was made is provided in the subtitle header.

Subject – this is the item title on the committee’s agenda; the subject being considered.

Scrutiny Recommendation – This is the text of the scrutiny recommendation as it appears on the minutes – **in bold**.

Decision Maker – the decision maker for the recommendation, (**in bold**), eg the Cabinet (for Council executive decisions), full Council (for Council policy and budgetary decisions), or an NHS executive body for recommendations to the NHS. In brackets, (date), the date on which the Executive Response was made.

Executive Response – The response of the decision maker (eg Cabinet decision) for the recommendation. This should be the executive decision as recorded in the minutes. The Executive Response should provide details of what, if anything, the executive will do in response to the scrutiny recommendation. Ideally, the Executive Response will include a decision to either agree/reject/or amend the scrutiny recommendation and where the scrutiny recommendation is rejected, provide an explanation of why. In brackets, provide the date of Cabinet/executive meeting that considered the scrutiny recommendation and made the decision.

Department – the Council directorate (and/or external agencies) that are responsible for implementation of the agreed executive decision/response. Also provided, for reference only, the relevant Cabinet Member and strategic director.

Implementation Status – This is the progress of any implementation of the agreed Executive Response against key milestones. This may cross reference to any specific actions and deadlines that may be provided in the Executive Response. This should be as specific and quantifiable as possible. This should also provide, as far as possible, any evidenced outcomes or improvements resulting from implementation.

Review Date - This is the expected date when the agreed Executive Response should be fully implemented and when the scrutiny committee may usefully review the implementation and any evidenced outcomes (eg service improvements). (Note: this is the implementation of the agreed Executive Response, which may not be the same as the scrutiny recommendation).