

Summary of recommendations from the Scrutiny Management Board 14 May 2024 to the Executive in relation to the council and delivery plan, and future planning cycles, with executive responses.

Recommendation 1	If the ambition of the County Plan is to be scaled back to focus on the work only of the Council itself, that a broader and longer term County Strategy/Plan be developed with input from partners and stakeholders to guide action and investment.			
Executive Response				
Action –	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 2	The Council Plan recognise the increasing importance of partners and partnership working to the operation of the council.			
Executive Response				
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 3	The Council Plan should be aligned in resource terms with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.			
Response				
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 4	The Council and Delivery Plans should be clear in showing how council resources and effort is spread fairly across city, Market Town and rural communities.				
Executive Response					
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress	

Recommendation 5	Council 'Transformation' is a means to an end, not an end in itself. It should be explained primarily in terms of its beneficial impact on residents and communities.				
Executive Response					
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress	

Recommendation 6	The Delivery Plan should contain real, tangible in-year deliverables which progress and support the stated objectives.				
Executive Response					
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Recommendation 7	Deliverables should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) and should relate to tangible items that are deliverable within that financial year.			
Executive Response				
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 8	The Delivery Plan should follow the structure and sequencing of the Council Plan to make it straightforward to follow.			
Executive Response				
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Recommendation 9	Plain language should be adopted throughout to ensure the documents are accessible to and understandable by all.			
Executive Response				
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 10	The importance of tackling river pollution should be more evident.			
Executive Response				
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 11	The importance of improving life for children and families should be more evident.			
Executive Response				
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Recommendation 12	The Council Plan should be aligned in resource terms with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.				
Executive Response					
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress	

Recommendation 13	The Delivery Plan for the following year should be drafted alongside the development of the budget for that financial year.				
Executive Response					
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Recommendation 14	The importance of improving life for children and families should be more evident.				
Executive Response					
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