



Actions arising from previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4 November

Open Actions			
Meeting date	Minute	Action Owner	Update
Council 24 September	<p>Motion B on Ambulance response times</p> <p>Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the CEO of SWASFT asking him for a full report on what steps he will be taking to improve ambulance response times in the Cotswold District as well as providing more support to grow the Community First Responder teams whose assistance is invaluable and thereafter invite him to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss his report and the actions resulting from it. Council also instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chair of the county's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee asking that committee to express this Council's concerns at its next meeting and to regularly scrutinise ambulance performance as a standard agenda item. Finally, Council instructs the CEO to write to our two MPs asking them to raise this issue in Parliament and to lobby SWASFT on our behalf.</p>	Chief Executive	Chief Executive wrote to CEO of SWAFST on 14 October, awaiting response.
Overview and Scrutiny 2 September	OS.103 Costs of agency staff were discussed by the Committee, particularly as it pertained to the Publica transition. The Deputy Chief Executive stated that there was	Deputy Chief Executive	Verbal update to be provided during meeting by Deputy Chief Executive



	an ongoing piece of work to reconcile this position for Development Management, but that in other areas the cost was lower. The cost would be presented to the Committee once the position was known.		
Overview and Scrutiny 2 September	OS.104 Planning enforcement was discussed. Members asked if they could be provided with statistics on the breaches and processes for planning enforcement, which the Leader said they would provide.	Interim Head of Planning	Statistics to be included within Q2 performance report.
Overview and Scrutiny 22 July and 2 September	2 September - In relation to the previous meeting, members discussed missed bin collections which occurred on a Friday, which could not be reported until Monday if customers did not have an internet connection.	Deputy Chief Executive Business Manager – Environmental Services	Waste services update on agenda 4 November
Closed Actions			
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Overview and Scrutiny 2 September	OS. 95 Members also highlighted that there was no date in the work plan for the Publica transition report to be considered by the Committee, the Chief Executive stated that they would provide the Committee with dates for this.	Chief Executive	In Committee’s work plan for February’s meeting
Overview and Scrutiny 2 September	OS.101 The proposals included reference to the development of brownfield sites. In response to Member questions on this, the Interim Forward Planning Lead explained that they would email members more information on how long an area was classed as a brownfield site.	Interim Forward Planning Lead	Information provided below

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The National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023) provides the following definition of 'previously developed land' (also known as brownfield land):

"Land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure, including the curtilage of the developed land (although it should not be assumed that the whole of the curtilage should be developed) and any associated fixed surface infrastructure. This excludes: land that is or was last occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings; land that has been developed for minerals extraction or waste disposal by landfill, where provision for restoration has been made through development management procedures; land in built-up areas such as residential gardens, parks, recreation grounds and allotments; and land that was previously developed but where the remains of the permanent structure or fixed surface structure have blended into the landscape."

No time limit is specified for how long ago a site was, for example, occupied by a permanent structure, for a site to be classified as previously developed land. However, over time, some brownfield sites can gain importance for biodiversity, heritage or other reasons. Despite technically being classified as previously developed land, these issues would need to be considered in the planning balance if a development proposal was being considered.