

Appendix 1

Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Tracker 24/25				
Date	Item	Recommendation/Action	Responsible Person	Notes
9 October 2024	Grass Verge Parking Policy	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways is recommended to consider the development of a Grass Verge Parking Policy to include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An equalities impact assessment in relation to the Grass Verge Parking Policy, with a particular focus on individuals with disabilities; b. considerations of the impact of grass verge alterations on flooding prevention; c. the utilisation of rewilding methods and tree planting to prevent grass verges being used for vehicle parking; and d. clear guidance on what options should be used in each specific scenario to address grass verge parking issues. 	Mervyn Bartlett	<p>Following the October 2024 Scrutiny Committee meeting it was envisaged that a new policy would be prepared by the end of the financial year in March. Most of the research and background information has been obtained, as summarised below. However, resources have been stretched with key officers dealing with unexpected urgent matters in relation to capital budgets / Medium Term Financial Plan, and the severe winter weather, which among other service issues, has unfortunately delayed drafting of the policy. We now expect to have a draft version by the end of May.</p>

<p>5 October 2024</p>	<p>Litter Bin Strategy</p>	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider establishing the Litter Bin Strategy as a formal policy to include:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A scoring Matrix for the implementation for new bins; and b) clear guidelines on the exact damage condition a bin will need to reach before it is replaced. 2. present the completed Litter Bin Strategy/Policy to a future meeting of the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board; 3. consider continuous data analysis and monitoring of the Litter Bin Strategy/Policy to measure the impact of any changes made; 4. consider the implementation of a public litter bin colour scheme that replicates that of domestic waste bins to aid residents with disposing of waste appropriately; 5. in relation to the Litter Bin Strategy/Policy, to ensure that all relevant communications are available in a variety of languages to maximise engagement with residents; 6. ensure that maintenance of public bins in parks are adjusted to match the Litter Bin 	<p>Ben Percival</p>	<p>Scrutiny recommendations are being incorporated into the final version of the Litter Bin Strategy.</p> <p>A final version of the Litter Bin Strategy – with specific reference to the addressing of the recommendations – will be presented to ESTE Scrutiny at a future meeting.</p>
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		<p>Strategy/Policy to maintain a holistic approach;</p> <p>7.consider the introduction of serial numbers and QR code stickers on public bin infrastructure to enable residents to report full or damaged bins.</p> <p>8.consider the introduction of key performance indicators and targets within the Litter Bin Strategy/Policy;</p> <p>9.consider avenues to raise public awareness in relation to the correct procedure to dispose of dog waste in public litter bins; and</p> <p>10.consider undertaking a benchmarking exercise against other similar local authorities in relation to the use of Fixed Penalty Notice enforcement and any associated costs/revenues that the enforcement entails.</p>		
19 March 2025	Severn Trent Water Investment Plans 2025-2030 and Severn Staffs	1)That the Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways, work with South Staffs Water and Severn Trent Water to develop a collaborative approach to communicating with residents to disseminate key messages in relation to:-	Councillor Moore and Councillor Allcock	Recommendations made to the Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways. Response required by 19 May 2025 as per statutory guidelines.

	Water Investment Plans 2025-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – reporting incidents (e.g. leaks, floods, reduction in water quality, supply disruptions); – the benefits of moving to a smart water meter; – ways to reduce water consumption; – major programmes of works – the outcome of forensic investigations into the flooding caused by a burst water main in Leabrook Road, Wednesbury in November 2024; – the age profile of the current infrastructure and what percentage is cast iron; – the materials used for replacement of cast iron trunk mains 		
		2) that the Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources explores the possibility of including contact information for South Staffs Water and Severn Trent Water on the MyCouncillor Portal and the MySandwell Portal;	Councillor Moore	Recommendations made to Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources. Response required by 19 May 2025 as per statutory guidelines.