

Responses to Scrutiny Review Recommendations

Report to Overview Committee

Title of the review: Sewerage review working group

Date review completed: 23 March 2023

Date Presented to Cabinet: 6 July 2023

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Viv McCrossen

Chair of the review group: Councillor Liz Clunie

Officer supporting the review: Emma McGinlay

Response due to the Overview Committee (28 days): 3 August 2023

Guidance

The final report and recommendations from the above review have been considered by Cabinet and a written response to the recommendations from the responsible Cabinet Member to the Overview Committee is required within 28 days of the date the review was presented to Cabinet.

Recommendation 1

The Council raises general awareness of pollution issues

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly accepted Do not accept

Pollution is an issue at the forefront of all of our and our resident's minds and we are aware that it needs consistent efforts to try to keep up awareness of it.

We welcome this recommendation and will work with the relevant teams to implement it as best we can.

Recommendation 2

The Council promotes permeable driveways and surfaces.

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

We understand that permeable driveways and surfaces support great drainage systems and helps to alleviate flooding.

We welcome this recommendation and will implement it as best as we can.

Recommendation 3

The Council raises awareness on what the public can flush, endorsing existing relevant campaigns

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

With the current climate crisis and pollution issues, we are aware that any tips we can provide to residents about what they can/cannot flush will be useful.

We welcome this recommendation and will work with the relevant teams to implement it as best we can.

Recommendation 4

The council ensures that, where feasible, new developments utilise sustained urban drainage systems

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

Through our current planning policy, we can specify certain conditions for developers when they create new developments – specific types of drainage doesn't form part of this. We can, however use our position to influence developers to ensure they utilise sustained urban drainage systems.

We welcome this recommendation and will implement it as best as we can.

Recommendation 5

The Council consults Severn Trent on all major developments in the borough, to ensure they can give information on best placed drainage sites based on current systems in place

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

We currently engage with Severn Trent but welcome the opportunity to better this relationship to ensure that they can provide their expert guidance on drainage sites and issues affecting our new developments.

We welcome this recommendation and look forward to working with Severn Trent.

Recommendation 6

The Council actively engages with Severn Trent through the established Gedling developers' forum

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

We currently engage with Severn Trent on several issues but welcome the opportunity to better this relationship to ensure that they are kept up to date with developments in the area.

We welcome this recommendation and look forward to working more collaboratively with Severn Trent via the developers' forum.

Recommendation 7

The Council educates residents on money saving ideas regarding the installation of water flow and drainage devices

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted Partly Accepted Do not accept

With the current cost of living crisis, we are aware that any tips we can provide to residents about money saving will be useful.

We welcome this recommendation and will work with the relevant teams to implement it as best we can.