

LEADER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council:	10 October 2024
By:	Ingrid Brown, Head of Legal and Democracy and Monitoring Officer
Cabinet Portfolio Member:	Councillor Everitt, Leader of the Council
Key Decision:	No
Decision classification:	Unrestricted
Call in status:	No
Ward:	All

Purpose of the Report

To receive a report from the Leader in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.4

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information only.

1. Summary of Reasons

- 1.1 This report ensures that the Council complies with Council Procedure Rule 2.4

2. Background

- 2.1 The Leader's report is given to every normal Council meeting. The Leader's report is not given at Budget Council, Annual Council or Extraordinary meetings.

3. Relevant Issues

- 3.1 Council Procedure Rule 2.4 provides that:

"The Leader of the Council will make available in writing the content of his/her oral report to opposition group leaders no later than the Saturday before the meeting. The speech will not exceed ten minutes on key issues arising since the last meeting of Council.

The Leaders of any other political group may comment on the Leader's report. The comments of the Leaders of the other political groups shall be limited each to five minutes. The other Group Leaders will comment in an order determined by the

number of Councillors within those political groups, with the largest group commenting first, and so on.

The Leader has a right of reply to each Group Leader limited to two minutes, in hierarchical order, to any comments made on his/her report.

The Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of any other political group may appoint substitutes to speak on their behalf.

No motions may be moved nor resolutions passed under this item.”

4. Consultation

4.1 Statutory Consultation is not required for this matter.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Finance and Resources

5.1.1 There are no direct financial or resourcing implications arising from this report.

5.2 Legal and Constitutional

There are no legal implications directly from this report.

5.3 Council Policies and Priorities

5.3.1 This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *To keep our district safe and clean*
- *To deliver the housing we need*
- *To protect our environment*
- *To create a thriving place*
- *To work efficiently for you*

5.4 Risk

5.4.1 There are no risk implications to this report.

5.5 Climate Change and Biodiversity

5.5.1 There are no climate change or biodiversity implications to this report.

6. Equality, Equity and Diversity Implications

6.1 Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic

and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

There are no specific equality issues arising from this report.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications and Community impact

7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications to this report.

Subject History

N/A

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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