

**Bristol City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Health and Communities**  
**Policy Committee**



**11 October 2024 at 9.30 am**

**Members Present:-**

**Councillors:** Stephen Williams (Chair), Emily Clarke (Vice-Chair), Tom Blenkinsop, Lisa Durston, Ed Fraser, Fi Hance, Cara Lavan, Abdul Malik and Bador Uddin

**1 Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and did a round of introductions.

**2 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

There were no apologies for absence.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Malik declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 8 (Bristol Cemetery Capacity and Options for Future Provision).

**4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

On the motion of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Fraser, the Committee **RESOLVED**;

**That the minutes of the previous meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August be approved as a correct record.**



## 5 Chair's Announcements

The Chair outlined the items of business on the agenda noting that there would be a comfort break halfway through.

## 6 Public Forum

It was noted that the Committee had received 30 Public Forum questions and 142 Public Forum statements for this meeting as follows:

Questions:

Number	Name	Subject
PQ01, PQ02	Sally Wyatt	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement
PQ03	Derek Patterson	Plant-based catering
PQ04, PQ05, PQ06	Tim Beasley	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement
PQ07, PQ08	Sarah Freeman	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement
PQ09, PQ10, PQ11,	Danica Priest	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ12, PQ13, PQ14	Anne DeHaan	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement
PQ15, PQ16	CLlr Ellie Freeman	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ17, PQ18	Joshua Roberts	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ19, PQ20, PQ21	Catherine Withers	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ22, PQ23, PQ24	Thomas Pearce	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ25, PQ26, PQ27	CLlr Guy Poultney	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ28, PQ29	Jacob Finnian Eric	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PQ30	Katy Ladbrooke	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement

Questioners in attendance were invited to ask supplementary questions and responses were as follows:

- In response to supplementary question from Sally Wyatt, officers confirmed that there was a temporary ban on water usage for allotment tenants due to health and safety concerns.
- In response to supplementary question from Derek Patterson, the chair advised that current catering contracts were approved by the previous administration and were due to be renewed, and discussions around plant based food this would be reviewed as appropriate.
- In response to supplementary question from Tim Beasley, the Chair advised that it would be difficult to confirm a rate increase for allotments for 2026/27 but this would be reviewed in line with inflation and the council's budget position in due course.
- In response to supplementary questions from Catherine Withers, officers confirmed that they had worked closely with ecologists when reviewing options for a cemetery expansion along with recent discussions with Natural England to which an update would be provided to the Committee in due course.
- In response to supplementary question from Sarah Freeman, the Chair confirmed that savings targets had been identified council-wide and did not only effect the allotments budget.



- In response to supplementary questions from Danica Priest, officers confirmed that the scrub clearance enhanced the ecological benefits of the site and that officers would continue to engage with community groups going forwards.
- In response to supplementary question from Joshua Roberts, officers noted that whilst MG5 grassland was found in within the SNCI, the proposed location for the attenuation pond and drainage pipe was in an area that did not contain MG5 grassland. The ecological surveys had been shared with the Committee and consultees but in accordance with planning process, surveys were not publicly available, which was in line with other local authorities.
- In response to supplementary questions from Cllr Guy Poultney, officers advised that the report contained detail on availability of non-denominational burials. In response to concerns around transparency, the Chair advised that the additional briefings and site visits had been organised to ensure Members had access to the information and allow opportunity for questions in order to make an informed decision.

## Statements:

Number	Name	Subject
PS01	Martin Rands	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS02	Ruth Hecht	Allotment Rents and Tenancy Agreement
PS03	Alastair Sawday	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS04	Joanna Mellors	Allotment Rents and Tenancy Agreement
PS05	Owen Pilcherwood	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS06	David Carter	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS07	Withdrawn	
PS08	Sue Mullins	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS09	Helen Powell	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS10	Mark CD Ashdown	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS11	Helen Withers	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS12	Erika Uridge	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS13	Louise Matthews	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS14	Jim Mason	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS15	Dan	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS16	Anne Silber	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS17	Jordana Davarian-Cross	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS18	Maureen Anderson	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS19	Julia Halpenny	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS20	Luke Fitzpatrick	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS21	Bonnie Welch	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS22	Rachel Hall	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS23	Anita Bennett	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS24	Rebecca Eyton	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS25	Phoebe Taylor	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS26	Steve Whiting	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS27	Richard Matthews	Allotment Rents and Tenancy Agreement
PS28	Charlotte Ellis	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion



PS29	Neil Goldsmith and Frances Robertson	Local pharmacy provision in North Bristol
PS30	James Davies	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS31	Angela Truell	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS32	Susan Sullivan	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS33	Frances Neville	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS34	Sophie Stevens	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS35	Jenny Padfield	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS36	Vicki Holman	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS37	Toby Baker	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS38	Kevin Mullins	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS39	Teresa Tremlett	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS40	Catrina Davis	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS41	Jason Picton	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS42	T J Anderson	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS43	T K Cockle	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS44	John Beard	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS45	Michelle Graffagnino	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS46	Martyn Cordey	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS47	Pip Woolf	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS48	Lesley Powell	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS49	Robert Broughton	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS50	Helen Philips	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS51	Julia Victor of Friends of Novers Hill and Crox Bottom	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS52	Ian Whitttern	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS53	Rebecca Bell	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS54	Stuart McCarthy-Thompson, Avon Wildlife Trust	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS55	Amanda Barrett	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS56	Steve Beard	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS57	Deborah Sharp	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS58	Nick Barker	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS59	Owen Newman	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS60	Kathy Welham	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS61	Debbie Bell	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS62	David Clarke	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS63	Maddy Longhurst	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS64	Hilary Rydon	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS65	Anna Archer	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS66	Mark Brown	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS67	Angie Weller	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS68	Jacob Finnian Eric	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS69	Sarah MacDonald & Juliette Taylor	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion



PS70	Councillor Lisa Stone	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS71	Bianca Chinn	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS72	Joshua Roberts	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS73	Jasmine Beard	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS74	Lily Mazzotta	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS75	Flick Brown & James Smith	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS76	Helen Russell	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS77	Kerry Lyon	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS78	Kim Dowsett	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS79	Karen Brown	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS80	Tony Pitt	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS81	Kate Laver	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS82	Dave Lewis	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS83	Dr Sascha Roest-Ellis	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS84	Mike Karthaus	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS85	Kieran Becker	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS86	Marie Marsh	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS87	George Cook	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS88	Zdenka Cervena	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS89	Robert Thomas	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS90	Mary Marsh	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS91	Sue Chubb	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS92	Danica Priest	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS93	Gemma Lasseter	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS94	Amandine Tchou	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS95	Andrew Bradbury	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS96	Val Shepstone	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS97	Avellanaecology, Neill Talbot	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS98	Ricky Chandler	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS99	Paul Becker	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS100	Ana T Castro Castellon & Alec Jenkins	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS101	Kirsty Claxton	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS102	Michelle Ruse	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS103	Angela Mayhew	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS104	Laura Hardidge	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS105	Laura Chapman	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS106	Zoe Palmer	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS107	Ethan Murphy	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS108	Jessica McLean	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS109	Ollie Shears	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS110	Chris Lucas	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS111	Sue Fairhurst	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS112	Barbara Lewis	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion



PS113	Katie Milne	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS114	jane harper	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS115	Tony Coll	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS116	Birgit Muller	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS117	Thomas Pearce	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS118	Matthew Feltham	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS119	Jo Sergeant	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS120	Amanda Brett	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS121	Christina Hamati	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS122	Anna Abbott	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS123	Mark Hayward Jenkins	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS124	Bristol Tree Forum, John Tarlton	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS125	Nasim Dumont	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS126	Catherine Withers	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS127	Sarah Smith	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS128	Esma Pearcey	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS129	ann vowles	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS130	Cllr Ellie Freeman	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS131	Chris Faulkner Gibson, Bristol Allotments Forum	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement
PS132	Cllr Ani Stafford-Townsend	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS133	Tim Edwards	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS134	Stuart Budd	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS135	Emma Robinough	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS136	Duncan Porter	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS137	Sebastian Whitehouse	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS138	Jody Reed	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS139	Frances Whitlock	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS140	Matthew morse	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion
PS141	Ena Yarde	Allotment rents and tenancy agreement
PS142	Cllr Guy Poultney	South Bristol Cemetery Expansion

Within the time available for Public Forum, individuals in attendance presented their statement.

**RESOLVED; That the Public Forum be noted.**

## 7 Allotment rents and tenancy agreement

The Committee considered a report which sought approval for a new allotment rents and water service charges to be implemented from October 2025.



The Chair noted that this item had been deferred at the previous meeting of the Public Health & Communities Policy Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 and that following further engagement with Members and allotment tenants, the report had been updated to include a revised fees structure.

Summary of main points raised/noted in discussion of this item:

- It was confirmed that the proposed rent increase applied a 52% rise, with the most common plot rent increasing from £50 to £76 annually.
- The low-income discount eligibility would be extended to tenants receiving Universal Credit, pension credit, and council tax reductions along with reductions for those delivering social value.
- There would be an introduction of flexible payment options through monthly and quarterly direct debits to ease payment.
- Officers estimated an additional income of £116k per annum from rent increases which would fund one additional allotment officer, an upgrade of the allotment management software and maintenance allotment sites.
- The Allotment Act requires 12 months' notice so any changes would be effective October 2025, however officers advised they may be able to appoint an allotments officer sooner in April 2025.
- A Member raised concerns around financial hardship of some tenants, and it was confirmed that officers would use discretion in waiving fees for tenants facing financial difficulties and detail of these cases would be brought to the Chair and Vice-Chair for information.
- Officers clarified details on plot accessibility and noted that six sites currently lack water facilities.
- Members highlighted the need to review water usage and promote sustainable practices.
- It was noted that allotment holders would be involved in the development of updated tenancy rules and in setting future pricing structures.

The Chair then moved the recommendations as set out in the report. Cllr Clarke seconded the motion.

**The Committee RESOLVED (unanimously);**

- 1. To note the outcome of the call-in committee decision on 27th March 2024 including the issues raised and the public forum questions and statements.**
- 2. To note the outcome of the consultation as set out in this report and in Appendix F and which have been taken into account in the recommendations before the Committee.**
- 3. Approved the revised allotment rent and charges set out in the report and Appendix A2 and the expansion of the discount scheme to enable more people on low incomes to benefit from a 50% reduced rent as outlined in this report.**
- 4. To note the introduction of direct debit payments to allow for quarterly or monthly payments.**
- 4. Authorised the Executive Director Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Public Health and Communities Committee to take all steps required to implement the revised allotments rent and charges and undertake the stakeholder engagement as set out in paragraph 9 of this report.**



**5. Further approved a stakeholder engagement process to update the allotment tenancy agreement and update the tenancy rules, which will be the subject of a future report to the Public Health and Communities Committee.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:50am

**8 Bristol Cemetery Capacity and Options for Future Provision**

The Committee considered an options report for future provision of burials and cremated remains plots at South Bristol Crematorium.

The Chair briefly introduced the item noting that all Committee Members had visited the South Bristol Crematorium site, and acknowledged the controversial nature of the decision and the large number of Public Forum submissions received on the matter.

Officers introduced the report highlighting key points as follows:

- The committee was briefed on the three options for expanding the cemetery provision, emphasising public interest on the ecological considerations.
- It was noted that the cemetery's burial space was expected to reach capacity by mid-2026.
- It was noted that planning permission was originally granted on the site in 1962, and was most recently reviewed at Development Control Committee B in September 2023 followed by reporting to Cabinet in January 2024.
- Officers read out a letter from Natural England who had reviewed the ecological impact on the Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI).
- It was noted that option 2 would remove Area 3 from the project meaning no burials within the SNCI although, there would still be a need to carry out drainage works to install a pipe to the attenuation pond, which would measure 15cm in width.
- Officers highlighted the financial implications if additional provision was not provided at South Bristol Cemetery, with projected costs up to £876,000 from the date the site reaches capacity.

Summary of main points raised/noted in discussion of this item:

- It was noted that there were some areas of unsuitable land where the ground was too hilly or at risk of flooding, along with a section of land that could not be used.
- Members asked about alternative sites that had been explored and were advised of the past efforts to secure additional burial sites in North Bristol which presented challenges around flooding and rocky soil which hindered suitability.





- Officers clarified that South Bristol had the necessary infrastructure, while new sites would need extensive development which would cost upwards of £2.4m.
- Officers advised of the impact on land that was currently being leased to Yew Tree Farm which would be minimal.
- It was confirmed that the drainage works for option 2 would be a closed pipe to redirect surface water, helping prevent further erosion to the SNCI.
- A Member sought clarification on whether the attenuation pond would still be necessary in Option 2 and how it would benefit the SNCI, and officers explained that it would be required to redirect surface water, but the pond would improve the SNCI by creating a wetland habitat, as detailed in the ecological management plan.
- A Member asked about potential implications on other SNCIs, noting that approving this proposal might set a precedent for future developments but officers confirm that each case was unique and that each case would be considered individually.
- A Member asked about the presence of dormice in the area and how drainage construction might affect their habitat and officers confirmed that ecologists had been monitoring the area through the installation habitat boxes but no dormice had been found in the area.
- Officers also reassured that there would be no adverse impact on bats or trees, with careful planning to protect the oak tree near Colliter's Brook.
- The Chair reiterated the importance of transparency, working closely with stakeholders, and gaining the community's trust, especially regarding environmental considerations.

The Chair advised that the Committee would vote on each of the recommendations in the report individually, taking a vote on each of the 3 options presented in turn.

The Chair moved recommendation 1 as set out in the report. Cllr Hance seconded the motion.

**The Committee RESOLVED;**

- 1. To note the contents of the report and details provided within the appendices.**

The Committee then considered recommendation 2 which was to put forward a preferred option to progress.

The Chair moved option 1 (in order that the Committee could vote on this option) which was continuation of the current project to expand South Bristol Cemetery. Cllr Hance seconded the motion.

On being put to the vote the motion (re: option 1) was LOST. (0 FOR, 5 AGAINST, 4 ABSTAIN)

The Chair moved option 2 which was to continue with the project but on a reduced scale. Cllr Hance seconded the motion.

It was noted that an amendment had been put forward for option 2 which was presented by Cllr Malik.

Cllr Malik then moved option 2 as amended. The motion was seconded by Cllr Hance.



Summary of further discussion points:

- Officers noted that investigating alternative drainage solutions would result in further cost and delay of the project.
- A Member emphasised the importance of protecting green space and urged that officers proceed with a drainage solution which caused the least impact on the SNCI.
- Officers confirmed that council-owned land had been GIS-mapped but found no other suitable sites in South or East Bristol.
- A Member asked for clarity on the financial loss to the council should the Committee vote for option 3, to abandon the project, and it was confirmed that the net income loss would be £152k along with an annual budget pressure of £742k which would need to be absorbed within the directorate budget.
- It was noted that if the Committee proceed with option 2 as amended, officers would consult with Members on future provision through the establishment of a Task & Finish Group.
- The Chair advised that should the amendment on option 2 be approved, the Chair would also share any further information and updates on the project with all Committee Members.

On being put to the vote, the amendment on option 2 was CARRIED unanimously.

**The Committee then RESOLVED (unanimously);**

- 2. To provide Officers with a preferred option to progress - option 2 as amended:**
  - i. To continue with the project but on a reduced scale – Remove Area 3 from the project – no burials within the SNCI area. Only proceed with Area 1 expansion.**
  - ii. The current plans require the attenuation pond to be formed within the SNCI. However, officers will prioritise investigating alternative drainage solutions that do not rely on systems running through the SNCI. They will consider all mitigation options, and no final decisions regarding drainage infrastructure will be made without thorough assessment of the environmental impact and the feasibility of alternatives. Deliver approximately 870 standard coffin burial plots, 800 Cremated Remains Plots and 260 Baby Burial Plots in 2025. Provides forecasted provision for up to 10 years.**
  - iii. Additionally, set up a member task and finish group to determine the mid and long term future of Bristol's burial provision.**

As a result of option 2 being approved as amended, the Chair confirmed that option 3 fell and did not need to be voted on.

The Chair then moved recommendation 3 as set out in the report. Cllr Clarke seconded the motion.

**The Committee RESOLVED (unanimously);**

- 3. To authorise the Executive Director Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee to take all steps required to progress the preferred option including procuring and awarding contracts over the key decision threshold.**



The meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:25pm.

## **9 Re-procurement of Bristol Public Health Nursing Service and Young People's Specialist Substance Misuse Treatment Service**

The Committee considered a report to seek approval to commence re-procurement of the Bristol Public Health Nursing Service and the Young People's Specialist Substance Misuse Treatment Service.

Summary of main points raised/noted in discussion of this item:

- It was noted that the current contract was held by Sirona as the lead provider which was due to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.
- It was estimated that the annual cost for both services was approximately £11m, and around 95% of this was used to fund the Public Health Nursing Service which was a statutory service.
- It was noted that the team would carry out a public consultation as part of the procurement process in summer 2025. Members emphasised the importance of engaging with low income families in the most deprived areas of the city.
- Members noted the need for social value contributions from the future provider, with ongoing conversations to determine specific social impact goals within the council's procurement framework.
- It was noted that the nursing service supports children and young people up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities) and is accessible to all families unless they wish to opt out.
- A Member suggested that the language be adjusted in relation to the substance misuse service to ensure that alcohol be included as a drug, along with other substances.
- It was noted that Public Health colleagues would brief Committee Members at key stages in the procurement and engagement process and would provide regular updates to the Chair and Vice-Chair at their regular briefings.

The Chair then moved the recommendations as set out in the report. Cllr Clarke seconded the motion.

**The Committee RESOLVED (unanimously) to;**

- 1. To approve the commencement of a re-procurement process for the Bristol Public Health Nursing Service and Young People's Specialist Substance Misuse Treatment Service.**
- 2. To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Public Health and Communities Committee Chair, to take all steps required to procure and award contracts for the services, in line with the Council's Procurement Rules (which could include NHS Provider Selection Regime Regulations) and within the maximum budget available (the exact amount will be confirmed but will be in the region of £11 million).**



3. To authorise the Director of Public Health to accept and allocate any additional external funding that supports these services in accordance with the Council's Procurement Rules and any national regulations or funding restrictions.
4. To note the indicative timescales for the re-procurement process, including consultation and engagement with key stakeholders, including Committee members.

## 10 Quarterly Performance Progress Report – Q1 2024/25

The Committee received an update on performance against the BCC Business Plan relevant to the Public Health & Communities Policy Committee for Quarter 1, 2024/25.

Summary of main points raised/noted in discussion of this item:

- It was noted that 71% of items were on track, with two areas highlighted as needing additional attention around healthy weight programmes (HCW2.2) and risks related to ash dieback disease (ENV2.2), but officers were working to address these issues.
- It was noted that the item around consultation response rates from the most and least deprived 20% of Bristol citizens (BPPM537) was worse than target.
- Consultation responses were noted to be lower from certain demographic groups, notably in deprived areas. Officers continue to work on improving the response rate and would like to push targeted outreach although this was challenging due to resource limitations.
- Members asked how this data compared to previous years and officers advised that this information could be shared with the Committee after the meeting. **ACTION.**
- There was a discussion around safehouses for victims of domestic abuse in relation item HC3.3 and officers advised that further information around security and waiting lists could be shared with the Committee after the meeting. **ACTION.**
- There was a discussion around mental health impacts on citizens who were out of work in relation to item HCW2.1. A Member raised the need for support for the least advantaged citizens and officers noted there were some ongoing programmes to support this work and welcome further discussions with Members although, resource was limited.
- There was a discussion around item BPOM251 which shared Quality of Life data on reducing the fear of crime. Officers confirmed that a Community Safety report would be brought to Committee in January 2025 which would provide more detail on indicators relating to crime and disorder including a comparison with other Core Cities.

### The Committee RESOLVED;

1. To note performance against the Business Plan relevant to the Committee, including the issues raised and measures to address performance issues to be implemented by relevant services.



Meeting ended at 1:10pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

