

## CHESC Action and recommendations tracker 2023-24

The recommendations tracker allows scrutiny committees to monitor responses, actions and outcomes against their recommendations or requests for further action. The tracker is updated following each meeting. Once an action has been completed, it will be removed from the tracker at the next meeting.

### Recommendations

Topic	Meeting (date raised)	Recommendation	Responsible Officer/ Member	Follow up	Response/Progress/ Deadlines	Status
Ash Dieback Action Plan	17/11/23	2. Were keen that the tree felling contractors offer the opportunity for less diseased wood to be made available for projects rather than being used for producing energy.	Cabinet Member Environment and Development/ Assistant Director Highways and Transport/ Head of Local Highway Operations	22/01/24	Officers are in discussions with Euroforest regarding the alternative use of some of the bi-products created by the ongoing Ash Die Back work. Please note that contractually, Euroforest are obliged to return a monetary value to WSCC for each tonne of wood arisings generated and therefore an instruction from WSCC to use the wood in alternative way may have cost implications.	Complete

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Ash Dieback Action Plan	17/11/23	3. Were reassured to hear that some trees were showing resistance to ash dieback and would like to learn more about that in the future.	Assistant Director Highways and Transport/ Head of Local Highway Operations	-	The County Council is continuing to monitor progress in relation to research being undertaken nationally with regards to resistance to <i>Hymenoscyphus fraxineus</i> . Details of that research can be found here <a href="#">Ash dieback (Hymenoscyphus fraxineus) - Forest Research</a> . At present there is little evidence to suggest common ash is developing any significant resistance.	Complete
Strategic Intelligence Assessment Process	17/11/23	1. Welcomes the opportunity to understand how the Strategic Intelligence Assessment helps partnerships to identify strategic priorities.	-	-	Noted.	Complete

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Strategic Intelligence Assessment Process	17/11/23	4. Acknowledges that social inequality can contribute to crime, or lead to people being drawn into organised crime, and encouraged all local authorities to seek to address it.	Cabinet Member for Communities and Fire	Jan 2024	The impact of social inequality is recognised by all community safety partners in terms of its impact on crime and disorder and acknowledging that this can lead to people being drawn into crime as victims, perpetrators, or both. The social changes we have seen through the cost of living has shown evidence of this with our vulnerable communities becoming more vulnerable. Across the partnership we look to support communities and to prevent or reduce this impact through our crime and disorder focussed priorities but also ensuring that these are done in the context and alongside other priorities to reduce social inequality such as public health outcomes, education and support to residents through initiatives such as household support. Our intelligence will continue to provide a focus and drive community safety priorities with a focus on our most vulnerable residents.	Complete

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Strategic Intelligence Assessment Process	17/11/23	5. Highlights the role of district and borough councils as housing authorities in relation to vulnerable properties, HMOs, caravan sites, etc, to identify individuals or areas with sources of activities of interest to community safety partnerships.	Cabinet Member for Communities and Fire	Jan 2024	As well as each local area District and Borough Council having its own Community Safety Partnership, they are all also members of the SWSP. The response to crime and disorder will always include District and Borough Council partners and seek to identify and utilise intelligence and enforcement activity from a range of opportunities including powers available through housing and licencing authorities. Local and countywide intelligence development provides insight to vulnerable locations and properties and specific risks and criminality are responded to at that local level.	Complete

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Council Plan, Medium -Term Financial Strategy and Preparations for 2024/25 Draft Budget - Highways	17/11/23	2. Welcomes the recent Government announcement of additional funding to repair roads in the county and hoped that it would be available for the 2024/25 budget.			Will be indicated in the 2024/25 budget when agreed at February Full County Council meeting.	Complete

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Council Plan, Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Preparations for 2024/25 Draft Budget - Highways	17/11/23	4. Recommended that the Service engaged with building contractors to better understand the impact of increased fees and charges on tradespeople.	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport/ Assistant Director of Highways and Transport/??	22/01/24	The Council publishes its fees and charges on-line and is transparent in the way they have been built up. Inevitably businesses that incur costs associated with fees and charges would welcome them being lower. Colleagues in parking services have been consulted on the charges and have endorsed the approach being proposed.	Complete

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Council Plan, Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Preparations for 2024/25 Draft Budget - Environment	17/11/23	3. Accepted that whilst most members supported the extension of the booking system to all household waste recycling centres, some did not.	-	-	Noted.	Complete

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Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1 Communities	20/09/23	3. Acknowledges that the £9.7m Household Support Funding for 2023/24 is being distributed and would welcome a breakdown and information on how it is being audited.	Assistant Director Communities	22/01/24	Item added to June 2024 agenda	Complete

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Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1  Communities	20/09/23	4. Welcomes the offer to members to visit the Community Hub and looks forward to that opportunity.	Assistant Director Communities	22/01/24	November 2023: Action will need to be delayed due to the closure of Durban House following flooding. Officers will make preparations once new office location for Community Hub has been identified	Ongoing

Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1  Communities	20/09/23	5. Acknowledges how the continued increase in excess deaths since the pandemic is leading to an overspend but understands the reasons for it and the pressures that are upon the Coroner's Service. The Committee looks forward to seeing some of the data breaking down whether there are any patterns by demography of geography.	Assistant Director Communities	22/01/24	November 2024: Will be included in the Member Development Session on the Coroners Service which is scheduled for 18 April 2024 and will enable the full year figures to be considered alongside a wider holistic discussion on all elements of the service delivery approach.	Ongoing
Performance and Resources	20/09/23	6. Welcomes the opportunity for a bite-sized session	Assistant Director	22/01/24	January 2024: Officers to arrange.	In Progress

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<p>es Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1</p> <p>Communities</p>		<p>on support to Syrian and Afghan refugees for the Committee.</p>	<p>Communities/Senior Advisor</p>			
<p>Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1</p> <p>Communities</p>	<p>20/09/23</p>	<p>7. Welcomes the grants to the Library Service and Record Office and looks forward to meeting the teams working on the projects.</p>	<p>Assistant Director Communities/Senior Advisor</p>	<p>22/01/24</p>	<p>January 2024: Officers to arrange opportunities for in-person visits.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1 Environment	20/09/23	2. Is pleased to hear that the booking system at six of the household recycling centres is working well and looks forward to receiving data comparing rates at rural and urban sites, and disposal authority neighbours.	Assistant Director Environment and Public Protection	-	Emailed to members previously.	Complete

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Performance and Resources Report 2023-24 - Quarter 1 Environment	20/09/23	5. Looks forward to hearing from the Cabinet Member whether there are any implications from the Water Neutrality Position Statement on the delivery of education projects in the north water supply zone.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change/ Assistant Director Environment and Public Protection	22/01/24	Yes, any project falling within the Water Neutrality area will be affected by these requirements.	Complete Jan 2024