6C REFERRAL FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 9 MARCH 2023 SUSTAINABILITY SPD

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The Chair advised that due to illness there was no Officer in attendance to present the report. However, the Chair noted that, as this was an outline report to Cabinet, Members could contact the relevant Officer outside of the meeting should they have any questions or comments.

Councillor David Levett as Chair proposed and Councillor Claire Strong seconded, and following a vote, it was

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