

Item No	Referred from:	OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
6A	Date:	18 JUNE 2024
	Title of item:	Q4 COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE
To be considered alongside agenda item:		AGENDA ITEM 7

The report considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 18 June 2024 can be viewed here: [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 18th June, 2024, 7.30 pm | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#).

RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET: That Cabinet:

- (1) Notes the progress against Council projects as set out in the Council Delivery Plan (Appendix A) including new milestones and changes to milestone dates.
- (2) Note the completion in Q4 of the projects detailed in paragraph 8.5.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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The Service Director – Resources presented the report entitled ‘Q4 Council Delivery Plan Update’ and highlighted:

- That the plan had been refreshed for this Civic Year (2024/25) to reduce the number of reported projects contained within it and would allow for Members to focus on the key projects.
- There were 27 key projects in total on the plan, with details provided on progress made and the performance of that project.
- These reports would be received quarterly by Overview and Scrutiny Committee for regular monitoring and would seek comments from Members for consideration at Cabinet.
- Members could request specific projects to be included in the quarterly updates presented.
- Members could also ask questions on items that were not prioritised on the plan.

The following Members asked questions:

- Councillor Elizabeth Dennis
- Councillor Matt Barnes
- Councillor Ralph Muncer

In response to questions, the Services Director – Resources advised that:

- The waste depot lease needed to be signed. There would be plans around further waste depots, but that was not needed imminently. It would be needed as the population increased further.

- Focus was to be kept on key projects. 27 projects was thought to be too many.
- The delivery plan would be changed over time, together with the prioritisation tool for reviewing items on the plan. It should focus on key projects.
- A full annual review would take place, together with quarterly reports with what was on the plan and whether it was fit for purpose and met the relevant criteria.

In response to questions, the Executive Member for Finance and IT advised that:

- The project for Charnwood may not come via the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before going to cabinet. The Service Director - Enterprise and Service Director - Resources would confirm this and work with the Chair of Scrutiny and the Scrutiny Officer on this.

Councillor Matt Barnes proposed and Councillor Tom Tyson seconded and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined any project that they want to receive more detail on as part of the next monitoring report.

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