

Appendix A

Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 06 February 2024 concerning the Capital Strategy 2024/25 to 2027/28. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) That the Council clarifies whether the capital schemes which pre-dated the Council's net zero targets and therefore are not subject to the same zero carbon criteria jeopardises the Council's ambition to reach net zero by 2030.	Yes	<p>We are able to clarify this by answering the question: the answer required input from officers who were not present at the Committee. The 2030 net zero target for the Council was first adopted in February 2021. Any capital programmes in place in the period 2012-2021 would have been subject, instead, to a commitment to reduce the Council's carbon footprint by 5% per annum.</p> <p>In setting the 2030 net zero target in 2021, previous capital programmes and existing assets were taken into account as part of setting the net zero target to be reached over the following decade.</p> <p>The Council is currently on track to meet the 2030 target.</p>

This page is intentionally left blank