

**Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations  
Completed Action Plan**

**Equans (formerly Engie) Sub-Group Report**

In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet are required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet are asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation	Officer Commentary	Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>In its benchmarking activity pay particular attention to the strategic aspects of service delivery of the partnership.</p>	<p>The updated Service Plan approved at the June Strategic Partnering Board sets out key priorities of the partnership including a series of Service reviews which will focus on the Strategic aspects of the partnership.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Cabinet to consider the outcome of the Service reviews and progress in addressing Strategic aspects of delivery of the services ins cope of the contract.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>Following benchmarking testing, it believes if the Partner is not providing value for money it should consider amending the contract to assure best value and/or investigate all options to in-source parts/all services.</p>	<p>A benchmark report has been received for initial review and feedback. The outcome is being considered alongside a programme of detailed service reviews which is expected to conclude in November 2021.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Cabinet to consider the outcome of the Service reviews and options for any in-sourcing January 2022.</p>

<p>Recommendation 3</p> <p>The group feels that as and when legally possible and at the best and earliest opportunity that these services should be returned and insourced to the local authority.</p>	<p>The contract sets out provision for early termination of the contract and the associated compensation liability arising from that.</p> <p>Officers will continue to undertake the current service reviews and dialogue with the partner appropriate actions to ensure the contract provides Value for Money, and will dialogue with the partner options for in-sourcing where that is affordable and provides better VFM for the authority.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Cabinet to consider the outcome of the Service reviews and options for any in-sourcing January 2022.</p>
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