

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	07 July 2025
Title of Report:	Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel Recommendations
Lead Member:	Councillor Tom Briars-Delve (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change)
Lead Strategic Director:	Glenn Caplin-Grey (Strategic Director for Growth)
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Your Reference:	NIGSP Apr 25 Recs
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the recommendations received from the Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel and a proposed response to those recommendations. The Panel met on 02 April 2025 and heard representations from South West Water (SWW) on Plymouth's ambitious growth plans and how the drainage and wastewater management systems would cope with additional pressure, and what investment was planned. Following a discussion, the Panel made three recommendations.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. Thank the Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel for scrutinising this issue.
Reason: To recognise the important role the Scrutiny Panel played in looking into this important issue following other meetings where concern was raised.
2. Support the proposed responses to the recommendations made in the report.
Reason: To support the actions proposed in response to the recommendations proposed by the Scrutiny Panel.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. To reject the recommendations made by the Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel.
This option was rejected as the Cabinet have responses to the recommendations.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report supports the city vision in the Corporate Plan to be one of Europe's most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone and the mission to make Plymouth a fairer, greener city.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

Financial Risks

There are no financial risks in the proposed actions to respond to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Panel.

Legal Implications

(Provided by AC)

None arising from this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No direct implications as a result of this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

No direct implications as a result of this report.

Appendices

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A	Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel Recommendations Response Report							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Glenn Caplin-Grey
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 27/06/2025
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Briars-Delve agreed via email Date approved: 27/06/2025