

## **Environment and Green Investment**

### **Committee feedback on Business Plan and Budget 2025-26 – 2029-30**

#### **Meeting held 16 January 2025**

The Committee received the report and raised the following points around the draft proposals as part of its scrutiny role:

- On the waste budget has there been an increase from Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) due to green waste and is that if it has been included in the budget assumptions. The Executive Director of Place and Sustainability clarified the reasoning for pressures around landfill tax and the PFI contract costs. Further detail on the levels of waste are available but not deemed a significant increase. The Executive Director did raise that if any increase was identified by the County Council would seek discussions with HDC regarding funding, but that stage had not been reached yet.
- On the budget increase allocated for Planning, where Cambridgeshire is an area of high development and growth, how does that reflect through in terms of the team's ability to manage the capacity. The Executive Director confirmed there was on going investment for key planning ask to provide capacity for local such as the Waste and Mineral Plan as well as national schemes. This will be an ongoing review.
- How are contractors aware of the Council's 7 ambitions. The Executive Director of Place and Sustainability set out the Strategic Framework and Business Plan and contract processes to provide assurance to the Committee.

As a result of the debate and contributions there are no changes or actions to pass to the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee for consideration.