

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
Date: **4 October 2022**  
Title: **A Plan for West Devon Thematic Update: Listening & Accessible Council**  
Portfolio Area: **Cllr Ric Cheadle**  
**Lead Member for Listening & Accessible Council**  
Wards Affected: **All**  
Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **N**

Date next steps can be taken: 4 October 2022

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the progress in delivering against *A Plan for West Devon* 'Listening and Accessible Council' Thematic Delivery Plan.**

**1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 The Council adopted *A Plan for West Devon* in September 2021, alongside detailed Thematic Delivery Plans for each priority area.
- 1.2 This report provides the thematic update on the Listening & Accessible Council strand of *A Plan for West Devon*.

**2. Thematic Update Report**

- 2.1 The Performance Management Framework included with *A Plan for West Devon* strategy commits that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive a thematic update at each meeting in order to consider the progress against the agreed Thematic Delivery Plans.
- 2.2 The Listening & Accessible Council Thematic Update report is attached at Appendix A to this report.

### 3. Next Steps

3.1 Progress against the Thematic Delivery Plan will continue to be regularly monitored by the Hub Committee Lead Member for Listening & Accessible Council, through regular meetings with the lead officer.

Highlights will also be provided in the quarterly Integrated Performance Management Report considered by the Hub Committee.

3.2 Following consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the progress report will be published on the Council's strategy reporting pages <https://westdevon.gov.uk/plan-for-west-devon> as a public record of progress.

### 4. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	Y	Providing performance updates in respect of our strategic priorities contributes to Principle F of the CIPFA 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' Framework. This principle is about managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management.
Financial implications to include reference to value for money	N	This report does not make any recommendations or lead to any financial implications not considered by other committees.
Risk	Y	The thematic update report at Appendix A considers the key risks for the Council in delivering each action within the Plan for West Devon delivery plan.
Supporting Corporate Strategy	Y	Listening & Accessible Council
Climate Change - Carbon / Biodiversity Impact	N	The Update does not have any Climate Change / Carbon / Biodiversity Impacts
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		

Equality and Diversity		No direct implications
Safeguarding		No direct implications
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		No direct implications
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		No direct implications
Other implications		N/A

### **Supporting Information**

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Thematic Update Report on Listening & Accessible Council

#### **Background Papers:**

None