

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM 6 – CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

Water Management in the Coalville Strategic Growth Area Task and Finish Group – report considered by Community Scrutiny Committee on 25 June 2026

[Recommendations presented to Cabinet on 28 July 2026](#)

Scrutiny Recommendations	Officer Recommendations	Cabinet Decision
<u>Recommendation 1</u> We have concluded that it is legally possible for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to reject or to impose ‘Grampian conditions’ on new development where it is acknowledged that a lack of sewer or water treatment capacity exists – if it has sufficient evidence from the water company. As a result, the Council should ask Severn Trent Water (STW) to review its approach to responding to full and outline planning applications in NW Leicestershire to ensure that robust technical evidence is made available which reflects STW’s publicly stated view that the sewer system in Coalville is currently over capacity. The Council should ask STW to provide a full response on water infrastructure requirements through the regulation 19 Local Plan consultation process.	<u>Recommendation 1</u> That Cabinet requests the Strategic Director with responsibility for Planning writes to Severn Trent Water and requests a review of their approach taken in responding to planning applications and seek further engagement between Planning Officers and STW in this matter, including the Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation commencing in July 2026. That Cabinet notes the financial risks in relation planning applications being overturned at appeal.	Cabinet requested the Strategic Director with responsibility for Planning write to Severn Trent Water and request a review of their approach taken in responding to planning applications and seek further engagement between Planning Officers and STW in this matter, including the Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation commencing in July 2026. Cabinet noted the financial risks in relation planning applications being overturned at appeal.

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<u>Recommendation 2</u> Whilst we welcome STW's commitment to fix the current capacity issues through further investment by 2030, we believe the current situation in Coalville is untenable and will only be made worse when development, which already has planning permission, is built out over the next four years. The Council should ask STW to redouble its efforts to implement interim mitigation measures to reduce the impact of pollution on people and the local environment.	<u>Recommendation 2</u> That Cabinet accepts Recommendation 2 and requests the Strategic Director for Place to write to STW requesting additional interim mitigation measures to reduce the impact of pollution on people and the local environment.	Cabinet accepted Recommendation 2 and requested the Strategic Director for Place to write to Severn Trent Water requesting additional interim mitigation measures to reduce the impact of pollution on people and the local environment
<u>Recommendation 3</u> The Council should ask STW to provide any evidence of ingress, infiltration or misconnection relating to the operation of Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SuDS) in South East (SE) Coalville to the Local Planning Authority (LPA), to enable the LPA to reach a view as to whether enforcement action against developers (or homeowners) would be justified or proportionate. In parallel, the Council should explore the use of additional planning controls to ensure that future SuDS are built consistent with the approved design, for example, through the use of conditions on any planning permissions granted.	<u>Recommendation 3</u> That Cabinet requests the Planning and Development Team to engage with Severn Trent Water.	Cabinet requested the Planning and Development Team to engage with Severn Trent Water

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<u>Recommendation 4</u> The Council should make political representations through the local MP to press for the enactment of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, consistent with the commitments made by Ministers in post in 2023. This would enable SuDS Approval Bodies (SABs) to be designated and for SuDS to be adopted as public infrastructure, ending the current ambiguity around their status and ongoing maintenance.	<u>Recommendation 4</u> That Cabinet supports Recommendation 4 and requests the Chief Executive Officer to write on behalf of the Council to the local MP setting out the findings of the Community Scrutiny Task and Finish Group and makes representation in respect of the enactment of Schedule 3 of the Floods and Water Management Act 2010. 69That Cabinet requests officers to carefully consider ongoing SuDS liabilities and raises these matters with the MP when making representations on Schedule 3 and the implementation of SAB.	Cabinet supported Recommendation 4 and requested the Chief Executive Officer to write on behalf of the Council to the local MP setting out the findings of the Community Scrutiny Task and Finish Group and making representation in respect of the enactment of Schedule 3 of the Floods and Water Management Act 2010 Cabinet requested officers to carefully consider ongoing SuDS liabilities and raise these matters with the MP when making representations on Schedule 3 and the implementation of the SuDS Approval Body.
<u>Recommendation 5</u> We have seen evidence of sanitary products, condoms and nappies being discharged via storm overflows. Regardless of the capacity of the sewer system in Coalville, this material should not be present in foul water flows. The Council should work with STW to reinforce public messaging about what is acceptable/unacceptable to dispose of down the lavatory.	<u>Recommendation 5</u> That Cabinet supports Recommendation 5 and requests the Council's Communication Team to engage with STW and explore opportunities to reinforce public messaging.	Cabinet supported Recommendation 5 and requested the Council's Communication Team to engage with Severn Trent Water and explore opportunities to reinforce public messaging.