

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Board **Date:** 10 January 2024

Wards affected: All

Report Title: SWISCo Annual Report

When does the decision need to be implemented? N/A

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an annual report on the business activities of SWISCo, a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCO, wholly owned and delivering front line operational services on behalf of Torbay Council.
- 1.2 The Annual Report provides information on progress against the Business Plan, key achievement of the business in 22/23 and future opportunities and considerations.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The information in the Annual Report will allow the Overview and Scrutiny Board to test the viability and success of SWISCo, to be satisfied that suitable governance arrangements are in place and that it is delivering against the key ambitions of the Council in an efficient way.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

1. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board note the contents of the Annual Report.

Appendices

Appendix 1: SWISCo Annual Report

Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 SWISCo was established as a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo) in 2020 to take over the work of the Joint Venture company TOR2 in delivery Council functions including Waste and Recycling, Waste Transfer Station and Household recycling Centre, Highways, Parks and Grounds Maintenance, Fleet Operations and Street Scene.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.1 This report is for noting.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 3.1 The Annual Report contains financial information relating to year end position 22/23 and current 23/24 financial forecast.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 SWISCo is registered under the Companies act 2006 as a private limited company with Torbay Council as the single shareholder.
- 4.2 SWISCo delivers services on behalf of Torbay Council under the TECKAL principle.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 SWISCo regularly meets with the Shareholder Panel and has historically held bi annual Customer Liaison Panels.
- 5.2 SWISCo meets on a regular basis with relevant unions under a JCNC agreement.

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

- 6.1 N/A

7. Tackling Climate Change

- 7.1 SWISCo is committed to supporting the Councils Climate Change policy.

8. Associated Risks

8.1 N/A

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people			No differential impact
People with caring Responsibilities			No differential impact
People with a disability			No differential impact
Women or men			No differential impact
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)			No differential impact
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			No differential impact
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			No differential impact
People who are transgendered			No differential impact
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			No differential impact
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			No differential impact
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)			No differential impact
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)			No differential impact

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 SWISCo contributes a positive impact by delivering front line Council functions.

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 SWISCo makes a positive impact on the local environment and services delivered to residents.