

Meeting of the Council – 11th April, 2022

Report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2021/22

Purpose

1. To consider the annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2021/22.

Recommendation

2. That the annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2021/22 be received and noted.

Background

3. Article 6.02 of the Council's [Constitution](#), requires that Scrutiny Committees will submit an annual report to the Council.
4. The Annual Report for 2021/22 is attached. Minutes and outcomes of all Scrutiny Committee meetings can be accessed online via the [Council's Website](#).
5. Discussions have commenced on the Annual Scrutiny Programme for the 2022/23 municipal year. A Scrutiny Committee Development Session was held with the Local Government Association on 21st March, 2022. The attached report also contains items that will need to be carried forward into the Scrutiny Programme for 2022/23.
6. The Council has a flexible approach to developing the Annual Scrutiny Programme to incorporate any additional topics that might arise during the year for Scrutiny Committees. In carrying out their individual work programmes, Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs have considerable discretion to adapt their approaches to carry out the scrutiny reviews allocated to them.

7. The Council has recognised the importance of retaining an annual review and report process. This is to ensure that the arrangements continue to align themselves to the needs of the Council and that the scrutiny arrangements remain adaptable and flexible to changes in circumstances.

Finance

8. The costs of operating the Council's scrutiny arrangements are being contained within existing budgetary allocations.

Law

9. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.
10. Scrutiny powers relating to health are included in the Health and Social Care Acts 2001 and 2012, and associated Regulations and statutory guidance. The Police and Justice Act 2006 gives the Council powers to scrutinise the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 enables local authorities to scrutinise other partners. Much of this legislation is consolidated in the Localism Act 2011.
11. The Council's scrutiny arrangements are set out in Article 6 of the [Constitution](#) (Scrutiny Committees) and the associated Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules.

Risk Management

12. Scrutiny Committees are an integral part of the Council's governance arrangements, which ensure that the Council considers any ongoing material risks as part of the Council's Risk Management Framework.

Equality Impact

13. Provision exists within the scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

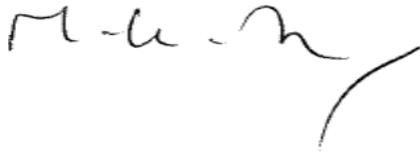
14. Any human resources/organisational development issues are referred to in individual reports on the items concerned.

Commercial/Procurement

15. Reports to Scrutiny Committee meetings include a Commercial/Procurement paragraph to consider if there is any impact to trade and/or a positive/negative impact on our customer base. Consideration is also given to compliance with Contract Standing Orders and Procurement legislation.

Council Priorities

16. The Council's governance arrangements, including the work of Scrutiny Committees, underpin the delivery of key Council priorities including the Borough Vision, Council Plan and Future Council Programme.



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