

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 June 2023

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Report of the Strategic Director for Law and Governance

Strategic Aim:	All		
Exempt Information		No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:		N/A	
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Ward Councillors	N/A		

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Recommends to Council that it notes the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23 and approves its publication.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To report the work undertaken by Scrutiny for the 2022-23 municipal year.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Annual Scrutiny Report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2022- 2023.
- 2.2 It is considered a useful reference for members to be able to see the topics which have recently been covered by Scrutiny and the outcomes. This information may inform future work plans and also provide a basis for recommendations which would enhance the scrutiny function.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The report was written in consultation with the Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice Chair for the last municipal year: Councillor Gale Waller and Councillor Nick Begy.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The only alternative is not to publish an annual report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Article 6, item 3) paragraph e) of the Constitution states that '*The Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee will report annually to full Council on its workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.*'

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no data protection implications.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been completed because there are no service, policy or organisational changes being proposed.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no community safety implications.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications.

11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The Annual Report will provide Council with an overview of the work of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2022 – 2023 and is recommended for publication to mark the achievements of Scrutiny and highlight the plans to improve the effectiveness of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the next municipal year.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1 Agendas and minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the 2022-2023 municipal year.

13 APPENDICES

- 13.1 Appendix A – Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23.

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