

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

Report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommended:

That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

SUMMARY:

- The final Annual Report attached as an annex to the report covers the work of the Committee for the period May 2021 to May 2022.
- The Committee are asked to agree the final report prior to its submission to full Council on 8 June 2022.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to report to full council on an annual basis to inform all Members of the work undertaken over the previous 12 months.
- 1.2 The Annual Report summarises the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, its scrutiny panels, reviews and presentations over the past year.
- 1.3 The Committee considered the draft Annual Report at its meeting on 7 April 2022 where it suggested some amendments.

2 Background

- 2.1 The overview and scrutiny process is an essential part of the Council's democratic structure and governance framework. It plays a key role in scrutinising the delivery and performance of Council services and holding decision makers to account through an approach based on positive pressure and constructive challenge.
- 2.2 Part of communicating scrutiny's role and purpose to the wider authority should happen through the formal, public role of full Council – particularly given that scrutiny will undertake valuable work to highlight challenging issues that an authority will be facing and subjects that will be a focus of full Council's work.

3 Options

- 3.1 The Annual Report has to be submitted to Council on an annual basis as set out in the Council's Constitution and therefore it is recommended that members consider the report and make any amendment they think may be necessary.

4 Resource Implications

4.1 None

5 Legal Implications

5.1 The consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report is set out in the Council's Constitution in 7.4(d) Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution.

6 Equality Implications

6.1 None

7 Other Issues

7.1 Community Safety – None

7.2 Environmental Health Issues – None

7.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate – None

7.4 Property Issues – None

7.5 Wards/Communities Affected – None

8 Conclusion

8.1 Members are requested to consider the final Annual Report for submission to Council on 8 June 2022.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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