

# Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

Report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Recommended:

**That the Overview and Scrutiny Chairman's Annual Report 2023 be received and endorsed.**

### SUMMARY:

The final Annual Report attached as an annex to the report covers the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period May 2022 to May 2023.

## 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 Chairman's Annual Report summarises the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, its scrutiny panels, reviews and presentations over the past year.

## 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 19 April endorsed the report and Council are therefore requested to receive and endorse the Overview and Scrutiny Chairman's Annual Report 2023.

#### Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)

None

#### Confidentiality

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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