

**COUNCIL
8 JULY 2021**

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2020/2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2020-2021

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: NOT APPLICABLE

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider the Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the 2020/21 Civic Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2020/2021 as attached at Appendix A be noted.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To enable Council to consider the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the work of that Committee in the 2020/2021 Civic Year.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1. None

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1. The Annual Report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 March 2021, prior to being presented to Council

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports each year to Annual Council giving a brief overview of the work undertaken by that Committee in the previous Civic Year.
- 7.2 Due to the Covid pandemic the Annual Council was held on a quorate plus basis.
- 7.3 To enable the Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be considered by all Members it was decided to delay its presentation until all Members could be present at a Council meeting

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The report at Appendix A sets out the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the Civic Year 2020/2021.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Although it is not specifically referred to in the Constitution and is not a legal requirement, Full Council has routinely received an Annual Report from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no capital or revenue implications arising from the content of this report.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 There are no direct Human Resource Implications arising from this report.

15.2 The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team supports the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

15.3 The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager undertakes the role of Scrutiny Officer.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix A – Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2020/2021.

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18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 Reports to and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the Civic Year 2020/2021.
<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=134&Year=0>