

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
15 MARCH 2022**

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2021/2022

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2021/2022

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: NOT APPLICABLE

COUNCIL PRIORITY: BE A MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COUNCIL / BUILD THRIVING AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES / RESPOND TO CHALLENGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT / ENABLE AN ENTERPRISING AND CO-OPERATIVE ECONOMY

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider the Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the 2021/2022 Civic Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee consider and comment on the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2021/2022 as attached at Appendix A prior to consideration by Council.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To enable Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the work of the Committee in the 2021/2022 Civic Year prior to consideration by Council.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1. None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have had the opportunity to consider and comment on the report prior to this meeting.
- 5.2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have the opportunity to consider and comment on the report prior to consideration by 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.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The report at Appendix A sets out the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the Civic Year 2021/2022.
- 8.2 Members should note that the statistics in the report cannot be completed until after the meeting on 15 March 2022.
- 8.3 Members are asked to comment on the draft Annual Report prior to consideration by Council.

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. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no direct Human Resource Implications arising from this report.
- 14.2 The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Team supports the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 14.3 The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager undertakes the role of Scrutiny Officer.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 Appendix A – Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2021/2022.

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 Reports to and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the Civic Year 2021/2022.

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