
Subject: ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 2019/20

Meeting and Date: Annual Council – 22 July 2020

Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Decision Type: Non-Key

Classification: UNRESTRICTED

Purpose of the report: Under the Council's Constitution an Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny is required to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Recommendation: That Members note the report.

1. Summary

This report summarises the activity of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2020.

2. Introduction and Background

3. Article 6 of the Constitution requires that an annual report be presented to Council on the workings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, its work programme and any proposed amendments to working methods. Accordingly, the attached report provides the following information:

- (a) Statement by the Monitoring Officer
- (b) Performance Review Statistics
- (c) Work Programme
- (d) Amendments to Current Practices

4. Identification of Options

4.1 Option 1: To receive and note the report.

4.2 Option 2: To not note the report.

5. Evaluation of Options

5.1 Option 1 is the recommended option. The Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework identifies openness and engagement as a core principle. A sound governance arrangement, including an effective scrutiny process, underpins the achievement of all the Council's corporate objectives.

5.2 Option 2 is not the recommended option for the reasons set out above.

6. Resource Implications

6.1 None from this report

7. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

7.1 There are no climate change or environmental implications arising from the report.

8. **Corporate Implications**

8.1 Comment from the Director of Finance (linked to the MTFP): The Head of Finance & Housing has been consulted on this report and has no further comments to add.

8.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council: The Solicitor to the Council has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to make.

8.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report does not specifically highlight any equality implications, however in discharging their duties members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>

9. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20

10. **Background Papers**

10.1 Work Programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20

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