
Subject: ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 2023/24

Meeting and Date: ANNUAL COUNCIL – 22 MAY 2024

Report of: MONITORING OFFICER

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 17 May 2023 to 30 April 2024.

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 Strategic Director (Corporate & Regulatory) and 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. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2023/24

9. **Background Papers**

9.1 Work Programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2023/24

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