

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 October 2024

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;
Delivering better services;
Protecting our environment;
Supporting economic growth;

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

A copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2023/24 is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider and comment on the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2023/24.

Detail

Following the establishment of new overview and scrutiny arrangements for 2022/23, there is a requirement for the Scrutiny Management Board to produce an Annual Report to Full Council. The Government's Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities, and best practice guidance from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, highlight this as a key way to ensure that Full Council is informed about the activities of the scrutiny committees.



The current Overview and Scrutiny: Statutory Guidance for Councils, Combined Authorities and Combined County Authorities published 22 April 2024, highlights several points on how local authorities can develop strong organisational cultures. In particular, local authorities can do so by communicating scrutiny's role and purpose to the wider authority, maintaining the interest of Full Council in the work of the scrutiny committee, and communicating scrutiny's role to the public.

The Annual Report provides a summary of activity undertaken by scrutiny during 2023/24 and incorporates information relating to scrutiny's findings, impacts and its contribution to corporate priorities. A copy of the Annual Report is set out at Appendix 'A'.

The 2024/25 work programmes for all scrutiny committees are available from the council's website and were approved by the [Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting held on 23 July 2024](#).

Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal

There are no significant legal implications detailed in the report.

Financial

There are no significant financial implications detailed in the report.

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications detailed in the report.



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List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

