

**Report for: Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**

Date of Meeting:	20 April 2021
Subject:	Scrutiny Annual Report 2020-2021
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Director of Strategy & Partnerships
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	All
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Scrutiny Annual Report 2020-2021

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report provides the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020-2021, as developed by the Scrutiny Leadership Group which comprises the chairs and vice-chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees, and the Scrutiny Lead members.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- a) Consider and agree the Scrutiny Annual Report 2020-2021
- b) Submit the Scrutiny Annual Report 2020-2021 to Full Council for endorsement

Section 2 – Report

The council's constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report annually on its activities to Full Council. The attached Scrutiny Annual Report is the draft final report. This has been developed by the Scrutiny Leadership Group, which comprises the chairs and vice-chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees, and the Scrutiny Lead members. The Scrutiny Annual Report outlines the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the scrutiny sub-committees and the scrutiny lead councillors during the 2020-2021 municipal year.

Scrutiny's focus has been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic which saw the scrutiny function being suspended for a couple of months from March 2020 and organisational resource and capacity being diverted to respond to the emergency. The scrutiny work programme for 2020-2021 has reflected this change in priorities.

Ward Councillors' comments

Not applicable as report relates to all wards.

Financial Implications

There are no financial issues associated with this report.

Performance Issues

There are no performance issues associated with this report.

Environmental Impact

There is no environmental impact associated with this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been undertaken for this report as it summarises the activities of scrutiny and does not propose any changes to service delivery.

Council Priorities

All

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not required for this report.

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: No, as it impacts on all wards

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None