



Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20

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| Corporate Priority: | All |
| Relevant Ward Member(s): | N/A |
| Date of consultation with Ward Member(s): | N/A |
| Exempt Information: | No |

1 Summary

1.1 To provide an overview of the work done by Scrutiny Committee during the year 2019/20.

2 Recommendation

That Council:

2.1 **Notes the Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 (Appendix A)**

3 Reason for Recommendations

3.1 To ensure that all members are informed of the work of the Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year and an overview of the key priorities for Scrutiny in 2020/21.

3.2 It is considered good practice for Scrutiny Committee to provide an annual report.

4 Background

- 4.1 The report provides an overview of the items considered by Scrutiny Committee in the Municipal Year 2019/20, including reviews and task and finish groups.
- 4.2 The report was approved by the Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 3 March 2020.
- 4.3 The report was due to be presented to Council at the last meeting of the Municipal Year in April 2020, however this meeting was cancelled due to the restrictions put in place as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 4.4 Since the Annual Report was compiled, the Chairman has reviewed current guidance issued by the Centre for Public Scrutiny which discusses the role of Scrutiny during and in the wake of the pandemic. This guidance has been shared with all members of the Committee and will be considered further at the Scrutiny Workshop which has been scheduled for 16 July 2020. The workshop will be the opportunity for the Committee to compile their work plan for the current municipal year.

5 Main Considerations

- 5.1 Scrutiny Committee recommend the annual report to Council for information purposes.
- 5.2 This report increases the profile of the work carried out by Scrutiny Committee and ensures that all members are provided with information in relation to the work of Scrutiny Committee as well as providing an opportunity for all members to feedback on the Scrutiny function of the Council.

6 Options Considered

- 6.1 The alternative is that Scrutiny does not provide an annual report.

7 Consultation

- 7.1 The Annual Report was compiled in consultation with the Scrutiny Chairman.
- 7.2 The Scrutiny Committee approved the report in March 2020.

8 Next Steps – Implementation and Communication

- 8.1 The Scrutiny Committee will continue to develop the role of the Scrutiny in accordance with the purpose and remit set out in the Council's procedure rules.

9 Financial Implications

- 9.1 There are no financial implications.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Director for Corporate Services

10 Legal and Governance Implications

- 10.1 There are no legal and governance implications.
- 10.2 The report is prepared and presented to Scrutiny Committee and Council as a matter of good practice.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Director for Governance and Regulatory Services

11 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 11.1 There are no equality and safeguarding implications.

12 Community Safety Implications

12.1 There are no community safety implications.

13 Environmental and Climate Change Implications

13.1 There are no environmental and climate change implications.

14 Risk & Mitigation

14.1 There are no risks in relation to this report.

15 Background Papers

15.1 There are no background papers.

16 Appendices

16.1 Appendix A – Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20

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