



Council

Thursday, 29 September 2022

Approval of the Scrutiny Annual Reports 2021/22

Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services

**Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough-wide Leadership,
Councillor S Robinson**

1. Purpose of report

The Scrutiny Annual Report, attached as an Appendix, provides a review of the work undertaken by the Council's four Scrutiny Groups during 2021/22.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Council endorse the work undertaken by the four Scrutiny Groups during 2021/22.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

To enable Council oversight of the work and operation of its statutory Overview and Scrutiny function, the function's effectiveness and contribution to the work of the Council.

4. Supporting Information

During the year, the following subjects have been scrutinised and monitored:

Corporate Overview Group

- Feedback from Scrutiny Chairmen
- Consideration of Scrutiny Work Programmes
- Finance and Performance Management
- Health and Safety Annual Report
- Customer Feedback Annual Report
- The Impact of Covid-19 on Rushcliffe Borough Council – Internal Focus
- The Impact of Covid-19 on Rushcliffe Borough Council – External Focus
- Diversity Annual Report.

Governance Scrutiny Group

- Internal Audit, including Progress Reports 2021/22, Annual Report 2021/22, and Strategy 2020 – 2023

- Risk Management
- Going concern Assessment Linked to Covid-19
- Capital and Investment Strategy
- Approval of the Statement of Accounts
- Streetwise Annual Report
- Capital and Investment (mid-year review)
- Review of Investment Assets
- Risk Management
- Annual Fraud Report
- Annual Audit Letter
- External Audit Annual Plan 2021/22
- Annual Governance Statement
- Revision of the Council's Constitution

Communities Scrutiny Group

- WISE: Environmental Crime Enforcement
- Safeguarding Adults and Children Strategy
- Police Performance and Resources in Rushcliffe
- YouNG and Positive Futures
- Housing Delivery Plan
- Feedback on Residents' Survey 2021
- Carbon Management Plan

Growth and Development Group

- River Trent Footbridge Crossing
- Cycling Networks in the Borough
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Update
- Covid-19 Business Recovery Update
- Tree Conservation
- Planning Communications.

5. Risks and Uncertainties

None.

6. Implications

6.1. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

6.2. Legal Implications

The Council is required by the Local Government Act 2000 to have scrutiny arrangements in place. This report demonstrates the Council's compliance with these requirements.

6.3. Equalities Implications

The role of the relevant scrutiny groups includes monitoring the Equality and Diversity impact of the Councils policies and strategies.

6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no Section 17 implications.

7. Link to Corporate Priorities

Quality of Life	Effective scrutiny is an essential element of the delivery of the Corporate Strategy and Corporate Priorities.
Efficient Services	
Sustainable Growth	
The Environment	

8. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Council endorse the work undertaken by the four Scrutiny Groups during 2021/22.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	
List of appendices:	Appendix – Annual Scrutiny Reports 2021/22