



**Council**

**Thursday, 21 September 2023**

**Approval of the Scrutiny Annual Reports 2022/23**

## **Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services**

**Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough-wide Leadership,  
Councillor N Clarke**

### **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 2022/23.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that Council endorses the work undertaken by the four Scrutiny Groups during 2022/23.

### **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
- Scrutiny Witness Guide
- Customer Feedback Annual Report
- Review of 2019-23 Strategic Tasks.

#### **Governance Scrutiny Group**

- Internal Audit Progress Report
- Annual Audit Completion Report
- Internal Audit Strategy

- Risk Management and Progress Report
- Draft Risk Management Strategy
- Going Concern
- Capital and Investment Strategy Outturn 2021/22
- Capital and Investment Strategy Q1 and Q3 2022/23
- Capital and Investment Strategy – Mid Year Review 2022/23
- Capital and Investment Strategy 2023/24
- Approval of the Statement of Accounts
- Streetwise Annual Report
- Annual Fraud Report 2021/22
- Annual Audit Letter
- External Audit Annual Plan 2021/22
- Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
- Revision of the Council’s Constitution.

### **Communities Scrutiny Group**

- Access Agreement – Canal and River Trust
- Sports Development in Rushcliffe
- Council’s External Communications Strategy
- Customer Access Strategy
- Establishment of Youth Council
- Corporate Enforcement
- Carbon Management Plan
- Environment Policy.

### **Growth and Development Group**

- Conservation Areas – Part 2
- Sewerage Infrastructure and Discharge within Rushcliffe
- Covid-19 Business Recovery Update
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Hedges and Hedgerows within the Borough
- Update on Fairham Development.

## **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.

## 6.5 Biodiversity Net Gain

There are no Biodiversity Net Gain implications.

## 7. Link to Corporate Priorities

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

## 8. Recommendation

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	
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	Appendix – Annual Scrutiny Reports 2022/23