



Council

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Approval of the Scrutiny Annual Reports 2023/24

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 2023/24.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Council endorses the work undertaken by the four Scrutiny Groups during 2023/24.

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

- Consideration of Scrutiny Work Programmes
- Finance and Performance Management
- Health and Safety Annual Report
- Customer Feedback Annual Report
- Corporate Strategy.

Governance Scrutiny Group

- Internal Audit, including quarterly Progress Reports, Annual Report and Strategy
- Risk Management
- Going Concern Assessment
- Capital and Investment Strategy

- Approval of Statement of Accounts
- Capital and Investment Strategy Outturn 2022/23
- Capital and Investment Quarterly Updates
- Draft Risk Management Strategy 2024-27
- Annual Fraud Report
- Annual Audit Letter
- Annual Audit Completion Report
- External Audit Annual Plan 2022/23
- Annual Governance Statement 2022/23
- Revision of the Council's Constitution and Councillor Code of Conduct
- Review of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Policy
- Asset Management Plan.

Communities Scrutiny Group

- Review of Canal and Rivers Trust Partnership Funding
- Social Housing Models
- Smoke Control Areas in the Borough
- East Midlands Airport - impacts of future flight path changes and aircraft noise in general
- Carbon Management Plan Update
- Streetwise Update

Growth and Development Group

- Review of Rushcliffe Oaks Crematorium
- Biodiversity Net Gain – New Legislation
- Development and Infrastructure
- Review of Growth Boards
- Management of Open Spaces
- Sewerage Infrastructure and Discharge within Rushcliffe
- Connectivity and 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.

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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Background papers available for Inspection:	
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	Appendix – Annual Scrutiny Reports 2023/24