



**Council**

**Thursday, 2 July 2026**

**Approval of the Scrutiny Annual Reports 2025/26**

## **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 2025/26.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that Council endorses the work undertaken by the four Scrutiny Groups during 2025/26.

### **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
- Diversity Annual Report and update on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Scheme Update
- Annual Update on Strategic Tasks
- Health and Safety Annual Report
- Annual Customer Feedback Report 2024/25
- Local Government Reorganisation, Decision Making and Governance
- Mid-point Review of the Corporate Strategy.

## **Governance Scrutiny Group**

- Internal Audit, including quarterly Progress Reports, Annual Report and Strategy
- Risk Management, including half yearly Progress Reports
- Going Concern Assessment
- Capital and Investment Strategy
- Approval of Statement of Accounts
- Capital and Investment Strategy Outturn 2024/25
- Capital and Investment Quarterly Updates
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)
- Auditors Annual Report and Value for Money Conclusion
- Annual Audit Completion Report
- External Audit Annual Plan 2024/25
- Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
- Annual Fraud Report.

## **Communities Scrutiny Group**

- Metropolitan Thamas Valley Housing
- Flood Risk Update
- Asylum Dispersal and Contingency Accommodation, including HMOs
- Carbon Management Plan Review
- West Bridgford Contact Point.

## **Growth and Development Scrutiny Group**

- East Midlands Freeport
- Asset Management Strategy
- Shared Ownership and other Affordable Housing.

### **5. Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection**

There are no recommended alternative options.

### **6. Risks and Uncertainties**

None.

### **7. Implications**

#### **7.1. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

## 7.2. 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.

## 7.3. Equalities Implications

The role of the relevant Scrutiny Groups includes monitoring the Equality and Diversity impact of the Council's policies and strategies.

## 7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no Section 17 implications.

## 7.5. Biodiversity Net Gain

There are no Biodiversity Net Gain implications.

## 7.6. Local Government Reorganisation Implications

There are Local Government Reorganisation implications.

## 8. 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	

## 9. Recommendation

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	
	Appendix – Annual Scrutiny Reports 2025/26