



**Council**

**Thursday, 1 July 2021**

**Approval of the Scrutiny Annual Reports 2020/21**

## **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 2020/21.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that Council endorse the work undertaken by the four Scrutiny Groups during 2020/21.

### **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**

- Implementation of Change
- Feedback from Scrutiny Chairmen and consideration of Scrutiny Work Programmes
- Finance and Performance Management
- Customer Feedback Annual Report
- Consideration of the Future of Scrutiny
- Diversity Annual Report

#### **Governance Scrutiny Group**

- Internal Audit, including Progress Reports 2020/21, Annual Report 2020/21 and Strategy 2020 – 2023
- Constitution Review
- Risk Management Strategy 2020 – 2023

- Going Concern Assessment Linked to Covid-19
- Approval of the Statement of Accounts;
- Treasury and Asset Investments
- Annual Audit Letter
- Internal Audit Strategy
- Capital and Investment Strategy Outturn 2020/21
- Risk Management Progress Report
- External Audit Plan
- Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
- Update on Redmond Review of Public Sector Audit
- Annual Fraud Report

### **Communities Scrutiny Group**

- Rushcliffe Equality Scheme
- Fireworks
- Flooding and Drainage
- Rushcliffe Nature Strategy
- Edwalton Golf Course Strategic Review
- Litter and Dog Fouling
- Carbon Management Plan

### **Growth and Development Group**

- Crematorium Update
- Planning Enforcement
- Abbey Road Update
- Management of Open Spaces
- Conservation Areas

## **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 2020/21.

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix – Annual Scrutiny Reports 2020/21