

# Draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021-22

For Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 April 2022

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## Summary

**Lead Member:** Councillor Patrick Thomson – Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Heads of Service:** Jane Clarke – Head of Policy and Governance

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**Wards Affected:** All

Approval Timetable	Date
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 April 2022
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	20 June 2022
Full Council	6 July 2022

## Recommendations

Officer recommendations:

1. That the Draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021-22 be approved subject to update following the April meeting and presentation to the next meeting for adoption.

# 1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare an annual report for consideration by Full Council (part 3 - Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Delegations 8.6).
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny functions provided by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Police and Justice Act 2006, the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Localism Act 2011 and associated rules and regulations are delivered at this Council by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee deals with issues that affect the borough at all levels. The Committee's annual report, when complete, provides a summary of its work over the previous year and highlights areas where the Committee has been able, through member-led work, to have a positive impact on a number of borough-wide issues.
- 1.4 This Draft has been prepared by officers to set out the factual details of the Committee's work to date and will be updated after the April meeting which, subject to any unforeseen Call-In hearings or urgent business, is the final meeting of the municipal year.
- 1.5 Members of the committee will then have an opportunity to set out any conclusions in the final version.

# 2. Outcomes

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is obliged to report to Full Council but could choose to make amendments to the draft report or alter the process of drafting or approving the document.
- 2.2 This Draft Report covers the period up to the April meeting. If members are happy with the report so far, the recommendation is that the report be approved.
- 2.3 If approved, the report will be updated to include the April meeting and the period to the end of the municipal year and brought back to the next meeting ahead of final submission to Full Council.

## 3 Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22

Exempt appendices (if any):

- None

Background Papers:

- None

## 4 Cross Cutting Issues

### A. Legal (including the Human Rights Act)

The Local Government Act 2000, section 21 enables an Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake the following functions:

- (a) Make reports and recommendations to the Executive or Council;
- (b) Review or scrutinise executive decisions;
- (c) Review or scrutinise non-executive decisions;
- (d) Report on any matter affecting the Council's area.

The arrangements outlined in this report are in accordance with functions permitted to be discharged by the Committee.

### B. Other Implications

There are no significant cross-cutting implications as direct result of the options in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan, Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 25 March 2022.