

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 22 July 2020

Report Title

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report presents the final draft of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019-20 for Members' approval, having been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 15 July 2020.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20 be approved.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20

Background Papers

Minutes of Scrutiny meetings during 2019-20
Scrutiny Review/Workshop reports and responses from Cabinet
Scrutiny Updates to Council

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20

1. Background

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report provides a retrospective summary of the work undertaken and outcomes achieved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) and the three Select Commissions last year. It also offers a look ahead for 2020-21 in terms of future priorities through a headline work programme.
- 1.2 The intention is to show tangible outcomes that have been achieved and which may be directly attributable to the work of Scrutiny, illustrating the added value afforded by Scrutiny to the Council.
- 1.3 It also presents a good opportunity to provide information about the role and work of Scrutiny and to thank Scrutiny Members and our co-optees formally for their contributions.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The scrutiny work programme contributes to the achievement of corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and adding value to the work of the Council.
- 2.2 The report is a key tool for engaging Members, partners, officers and the general public in the detail of Scrutiny work and hopes to encourage wider involvement in scrutiny, as an important aspect of local democracy and the Council's governance processes. Although this has had a renewed focus in the last two years it will be developed further in the year ahead.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 This report presents the final draft of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019-20 for consideration and approval by Council.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 This section is not applicable for this report.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 As Council is recommended to approve the Annual Report, there are no further stages in the decision making process.
- 5.2 The Head of Democratic Services, as Statutory Scrutiny Officer, is accountable for the publication of the report.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications associated with the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 Article 8(6) of the Council's Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to submit an annual report to the Council and this is that report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct human resources implications associated with this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults associated with this report, however the scrutiny function has undertaken work throughout the past year to support both groups.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 Scrutiny focuses on promoting equality through improving access to services and support and ensuring the needs of groups sharing an equality protected characteristic are taken into account.

11. Implications for Partners

- 11.1 There are no implications for partners associated with this report.

12. Risks and Mitigation

- 12.1 There are no risks associated with the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

13. Accountable Officer(s)

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