

**Council Report**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board - 3 July 2019

**Report Title**

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19

**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 2018-19 for Members to consider and approve prior to publication for the Council meeting on 24 July 2019. The draft report is attached as Appendix 1.

The scrutiny work programme, as outlined in draft in the annual report, helps to achieve corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and the outcomes will focus on adding value to the work of the Council.

**Recommendations**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

- 1 Receive and approve the draft Annual Report 2018-19 and agree to its publication for the Council Meeting on 24 July 2019, subject to any changes agreed at the meeting.
- 2 Note that membership details for 2019-20 may be subject to change following the Council meeting on the 24 July 2019 and will be reflected in the final published version.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19

**Background Papers**

Minutes of Scrutiny meetings during 2018-19  
Scrutiny Review reports and responses from Cabinet

**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 2018-19**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report provides a retrospective summary of the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) and the three Select Commissions last year. It also offers a look ahead for 2019-20 in terms of future priorities through a headline work programme.
- 1.2 It is a good opportunity to provide information to Members, officers, partner agencies and the general public about the role and work of Scrutiny and to thank Scrutiny Members and our co-optees formally for their contributions.
- 1.3 As in previous years the report has a dedicated section for OSMB and each of the three Select Commissions, Health, Improving Lives and Improving Places.
- 1.4 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 Scrutiny brings to the work of the Council. The draft report is attached as Appendix 1.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The scrutiny work programme helps to achieve corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and the outcomes focus on adding value.
- 2.2 The Annual Report aims to cover all aspects of Scrutiny work including pre-decision scrutiny, holding to account, performance management, raising concerns and policy development.
- 2.3 The report is a key tool for engaging Members, 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. This had a renewed focus in 2018-19 and will be developed further in the year ahead.
- 2.4 When the report is considered at the Council meeting on the 24 July 2019, there may also be a decision made on potential changes to membership of the Select Commissions for 2019-20. Therefore the published report will be amended to include any changes that are subject to approval, immediately following the Council meeting.
- 2.5 The detail of the draft work programme for 2019-20 will be developed further by OSMB and the Select Commissions, including determining the approach to scrutinising each item, for example through a review, by a sub-group or a report.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 This report presents the final draft of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2018-19 for consideration and approval by the OSMB prior to publication for the Council meeting on 24 July 2019.

#### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 Not applicable for this report.

#### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 It is anticipated that once the report has been discussed by the OSMB it will be presented at Council in July and then published on the Council website by the Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

#### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

6.1 None arising directly from the annual report.

#### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

7.1 Article 8(6) of the 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, but scrutiny of the budget savings proposals by OSMB considered issues relating to workforce changes.

#### **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 The specific focus of the work of the Improving Lives Select Commission is on services for children and young people and there is also crossover on physical and mental health and wellbeing with the Health Select Commission.

9.2 Improving Lives scrutinised the annual reports of both the Rotherham Local Children's Safeguarding Board and the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board.

9.3 OSMB supported Rotherham Youth Cabinet in its work on improving access to leisure activities for young carers as part of the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge.

#### **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 Last year's work programme included all directorates and a number of partner agencies and this will continue in the coming year.

#### **12. Risks and Mitigation**

12.1 None.

**13. Accountable Officer(s)**

James McLaughlin, Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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