

**Name of Committee and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council - 24 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' approval, having been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 3 July 2019.

**Recommendation**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19 be approved.

**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 and outcomes achieved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 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 formally thank Scrutiny Members and our co-optees for their contributions.
- 1.3 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, as outlined in the annual report, helps to achieve corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and the outcomes focus on adding value.
- 2.2 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.

### **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 Council.

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

- 4.1 This section is not applicable to 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 and 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 report is submitted to meet that requirement.

## **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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