

Public Report  
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board– 15 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 to consider and approve prior to its presentation at the Council meeting on 22 July 2020. The draft report is attached as Appendix 1.

The headline scrutiny work programme, included in draft in the annual report, helps to achieve corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and adding value to the work of the Council.

**Recommendations**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

- 1 Receive and approve the draft Annual Report 2019-20, subject to any changes agreed at the meeting.
- 2 Note that membership details for 2020-21 may be subject to change following the Council meeting on the 22 July 2020 and will be reflected in the final published version.
- 3 Note that the draft outline work programme will be updated following discussions by the Board.

**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 Annual Report (draft report is attached as Appendix 1) aims to cover all aspects of Scrutiny work including pre-decision scrutiny, holding to account, performance management, raising concerns and policy development undertaken during the last year.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 When the report is considered at the Council meeting on the 22 July 2020, there may also be potential changes to membership of the scrutiny committees for 2020-21. 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 2020-21 will be developed further by OSMB and the Select Commissions, including determining the most effective 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 2019-20 for consideration and approval by the OSMB prior to the Council meeting on 22 July 2020.

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

4.1 This section is not applicable for this report.

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

5.1 It is anticipated that once the report has been approved 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 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 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 resource implications associated with this report.

#### **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 work programme of 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 raising awareness about hate crime 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 As the Council increasingly works in partnership with a range of other organisations, this is reflected in the scrutiny work programme with various partners attending meetings and providing information for Scrutiny.

## **12. Risks and Mitigation**

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

## **13. Accountable Officer(s)**

James McLaughlin, Head of Democratic Services

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