

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 12 April 2023

Report Title

Overview and Scrutiny Update

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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Wards Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this report provides an update to Council of the activities and outcomes of Overview and Scrutiny activity at the Council. This report highlights the work of Improving Places Select Commission from June 2022 through March 2023, and the work of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in February and March 2023.

Recommendations

1. That the report be noted.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Update from Councillor Ken Wyatt, Chair of Improving Places Select Commission
Appendix 2 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Programme of Work
Appendix 3 Improving Places Select Commission Programme of Work

Background Papers

Agendas and Minutes of OSMB meetings, January 2023 to present.
Agendas and Minutes of IPSC meetings, June 2022 to present

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Overview and Scrutiny Update

1. Background

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules require a regular update to Council on the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny function.
- 1.2 The previous update to Council in January 2023 focussed on activities and outcomes of Health Select Commission and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. This update will focus on activities and outcomes of Improving Places Select Commission and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 This report is intended as a summary of highlights and outcomes and is an indicative rather than definitive account of recent scrutiny work, which aims to hold the Council and key partners to account for decision-making, policy development, and performance. The report summarises information that is already in the public domain regarding progress, changes, or improvements resulting from recommendations and feedback provided by councillors on scrutiny committees. These include Health Select Commission, Improving Lives Select Commission, Improving Places Select Commission, and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
- 2.2 Although this report emphasises results, scrutiny is chiefly a discursive process rather than a product. For further insight into the process of overview and scrutiny, the archive of public meetings webcasts, reports submitted for scrutiny, and minutes of discussions leading to recommendations are available on the Council's website.

Items considered for scrutiny are added to the Work Programme based on three criteria:

1. Does the topic relate to a priority in the Council Plan 2022-2025?
2. Can the scrutiny process make a difference or add value?
3. Is the topic important to Rotherham residents?

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The report is submitted for information.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 The report is submitted for information.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The report is submitted for information.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no Human Resource implications directly arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no implications for Children, Young People, or Vulnerable Adults directly arising from this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 There are no equalities or human rights implications directly arising from this report.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no climate or emissions implications directly arising from this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 There are no implications for partners directly arising from this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks directly arising from this report.

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