
Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-21

Decision to be taken by:
Full Council

Decision to be taken on/Date of meeting:
Full Council – 25 November 2021
Overview Select Committee – 10 November 2021

Lead director/officer:
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Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an overview of the Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-21.
- 1.2. The Chair of the Overview Select Committee has developed a summary of the activities undertaken during 2019/21 by all the scrutiny commissions. It covers the annual cycles of 2019/20 and 2020/21 and does not primarily cover work undertaken after May 2021.
- 1.3. The report is usually compiled on an annual basis, though in light of the implications of the coronavirus pandemic, no report was published to cover the 2019/20 municipal year, and it was agreed to instead produce a two-year document that included scrutiny of the pandemic to date. This report also highlights many other areas of work conducted by scrutiny and provides detail of many of the outcomes achieved.

2. Recommended actions/decision

- 2.1 Full Council is asked to note the report and endorse the work of scrutiny during 2019-2021.
- 2.2 The Overview Select Committee is asked to review the report and provide any comments/recommendations ahead of consideration by Full Council.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

- 3.1 The report details a summary of work and outcomes from scrutiny across OSC and the range of commissions during 2019-21.
- 3.2 Although it is a decision of Full Council to approve a scrutiny annual report, as it covers the work and operation of scrutiny, it is therefore appropriate that it is subject to consideration of the Overview Select Commission, and therefore each of the scrutiny commission chairs, ahead of its submission to Full Council.

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

- 4.1 The main report begins with an introduction by the chair of the Overview and Select Committee.
- 4.2 Given the unprecedented circumstances faced since March 2020, the report includes a section that sets out the work of scrutiny in relation to the pandemic.
- 4.3 The work of each Committee/Commission and the rest of their activities during the two years is summarised within the report.
- 4.4 The report provides a summary of many of the highlights of the scrutiny programme, though it does not serve as a definitive list of activity.
- 4.5 The report also includes a section that sets out how scrutiny seeks to develop beyond May 2021.

5. Detailed report

The full 'Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-21' is included on the subsequent pages.

6. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications associated with the preparation of the Annual Scrutiny Report, beyond the use of existing resources.

(Colin Sharpe, Deputy Director of Finance)

6.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

(Kamal Adatia, City Barrister & Head of Standards)

6.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report and equalities implications would have been considered for each of the areas mentioned when reports have been presented to the scrutiny commissions throughout the timeframe referred to in the report.

Kalvaran Sandhu, Equalities Manager

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

There are no climate emergency implications arising from this report.

6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

N/A

7. Background information and other papers:

8. Summary of appendices:

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9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

10. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?

No