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# Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22

Decision to be taken by:  
Full Council

Decision to be taken on/Date of meeting:  
Full Council – 29 September 2022  
Overview Select Committee – 8 September 2022

Lead director/officer:  
Miranda Cannon  
Director – Delivery, Communications and Political  
Governance

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## **Useful information**

- Ward(s) affected: All
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- Report version number: 1

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report provides a summary of the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22.
- 1.2. The Chair of the Overview Select Committee has developed a report that details the activity performed by the City Council's nine scrutiny bodies during 2021/22. The report does not primarily cover scrutiny work that has been undertaken since May 2022, though there are references to ongoing and proposed scrutiny activity.

### **2. Recommended actions/decision**

- 2.1 Full Council is asked to note the report and endorse the work of scrutiny during 20121-22.
- 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 2021-22.
- 3.2 Although it is a decision of Full Council to approve the scrutiny annual report, as it covers the work and operation of scrutiny, it is appropriate for it to be subject to consideration by 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 Councillor Ted Cassidy, Chair of the Overview and Select Committee.
- 4.2 It then provides general detail of the scrutiny structure, format and operation during the previous year.
- 4.3 The report includes a separate section for each of the nine scrutiny bodies, setting out the key achievements and highlights for each committee/commission and also refers to some of the ongoing and proposed work.
- 4.4 The report is designed to serve as a summary of activity. Full detail of the activity of each scrutiny body can be found via <https://bit.ly/3P7AOEh>

#### **5. Detailed report**

The full 'Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22' 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 significant climate emergency implications directly associated with this report.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2284

#### 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:**

None

#### **8. Summary of appendices:**

Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

#### **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