



**SOUTH  
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COUNCIL**



# Council

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Report of Councillor Bridget Ley –  
Chairman of Finance and Economic  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Annual Review of Overview and Scrutiny 2023/2024

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### Purpose of Report

This report provides a summary of the work undertaken by all Overview and Scrutiny Committees during 2023/2024.

### Recommendations

**That Full Council notes the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2023/2024.**

### Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?

No

What are the relevant corporate priorities?

All

Which wards are impacted?

(All Wards);

## **1. Implications**

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance and Procurement***

- 1.1 As this is a look back at the previous year and is an annual report for noting, there are no financial implications.

Completed by: Paul Sutton, Interim Head of Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer

### ***Legal and Governance***

- 1.2 The Constitution requires that there is an annual report on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the previous year. The Constitution also allows for a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen to take place to discuss the content of the report; this year all Chairmen were consulted via email and asked to select notable pieces of work for the year. This is reflected in the Appendix to the report.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

## **2. Background to the Report**

- 2.1 Under Article 6.4 of Part 2 of the Council's Constitution, the Chairmen of all Overview and Scrutiny Committees are required to determine the content of an annual report relating to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The report is to be co-ordinated and signed off by the appointed Chairman of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 At the Council's AGM in May 2023 a new Overview and Scrutiny structure was agreed, increasing the number of Overview and Scrutiny Committees from four to five. These Overview and Scrutiny Committees are:
- Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  - Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  - Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  - Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
  - Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.3 In addition to the above, there is also a yearly meeting of the Budget Overview and Scrutiny Committee which involves all Overview and Scrutiny Members.
- 2.4 The Constitution outlines that the Environment and Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees can meet jointly to discuss certain issues, such as Planning and Licensing Policy. Other Overview and Scrutiny Committees can meet jointly as and when required.
- 2.5 This annual report covers those Committees that were in place during 2023/2024. It contains a summary of the topics that each Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered at their meetings during the 2023/2024 municipal year.

### **3. Other Options Considered**

- 3.1 The Council's Constitution prescribes that an annual Overview and Scrutiny report is produced.
- 3.2 The Council could opt to amend the content of the Annual Report, as presented.

### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 All Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees from 2023/2024 were asked to contribute to the content of the report.

### **5. Appendices**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/2024.