

FINANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5 April 2022

Report Title	Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22
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Appendix 1 – Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To enable the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee to contribute and comment on the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/22, prior to it being referred to full Council, in line with the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report summarises the first year of work for the Scrutiny Commission and Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee. The impact of the work of Scrutiny will be evidenced over time by the implementation and impact of its recommendations. The Scrutiny Annual Report will ensure that full Council is informed on the work of Scrutiny, in accordance with statutory guidance.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee:
- a) Contribute and comment on the contents of the draft Scrutiny Annual Report.
 - b) Delegates the final wording of the Annual Report to the Chairs of the Scrutiny Commission and Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee, prior to its submission to full Council.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The Scrutiny function forms an integral part of the Council's decision-making process. Each year, the Scrutiny Annual Report will provide a summary of the work and impact of the Council's Scrutiny function.

- 4.2 At the Annual Meeting in May 2021, the Council established two scrutiny committees, namely the Scrutiny Commission and Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee, as part of a hybrid model of governance.
- 4.3 The Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny¹ states “*part of communicating scrutiny’s role and purpose to the wider authority should happen through the formal, public role of full Council – particularly given that scrutiny will undertake valuable work to highlight challenging issues that an authority will be facing and subjects that will be a focus of full Council’s work. Authorities should therefore take steps to ensure full Council is informed of the work the scrutiny committee is doing.*”

5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report is an opportunity for all those involved in the new committees to reflect on the first year, to consider what has worked well and where further improvements to the process could be made. It provides an opportunity to highlight the important scrutiny work that has taken place during this municipal year.
- 5.2 The draft report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 5.3 The Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is now asked to comment and contribute on the contents of the Scrutiny Annual Report.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

- 6.1.1 There are no resources or financial implications arising from the report.

6.2 Legal and Governance

- 6.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

6.3 Relevant Policies and Plans

- 6.3.1 Include which of the Corporate Plan priorities the report supports.

6.4 Risk

- 6.4.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6.5 Consultation

- 6.5.1 Consultation on the contents of the Scrutiny Annual Report will be undertaken with the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

¹ [Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities](#)

6.6 Equality Implications

6.6.1 There are no equality implications arising from the report.

6.7 Climate Impact

6.7.1 There are no climate impacts arising from the report.

6.8 Community Impact

6.8.1 There is no community impact arising from the report.

6.9 Crime and Disorder Impact

6.9.1 There are no crime and disorder impacts arising from the report.

7. Background Papers

7.1 Agendas and minutes of the Scrutiny Commission and Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee during 2021/22
[Scrutiny Commission](#)
[Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee](#)