

## Meeting of the City Council

### 29 March 2023

<b>Report title</b>	Annual Scrutiny Report May 2021 - May 2022	
<b>Referring body</b>	Scrutiny Board – 14 March 2023	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Paul Sweet - Chair of Scrutiny Board	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Paula Brookfield, Governance and Equalities	
<b>Accountable director</b>	David Pattison, Chief Operating Officer	
<b>Originating service</b>	Scrutiny (Governance)	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Scrutiny Board	14 March 2023

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#### Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report, May 2021 – May 2022.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The Annual Review highlights some of the key achievements of the Scrutiny function over the 2021-2022 Municipal Year including details of the progress and outcomes from a selection of meetings.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Board considered the Annual Scrutiny Report May 2021 - May 2022 on 14 March 2023.
- 2.2 Scrutiny Board recommended to Council that it endorses the Annual Scrutiny Report, May 2021 - May 2022.

## **3.0 Scrutiny**

- 3.1 Scrutiny is a vital component of good governance, and the work carried out by Councillors through scrutiny has been invaluable in influencing policy. This has been through representing the concerns and interests of the public and by providing challenge to the Cabinet. Scrutiny also undertakes reviews of partners working with the Council through detailed and critical analysis of their plans and reports.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report as Councillors are requested to endorse the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2021-2022. Any financial implications emerging as work undertaken in pursuit of Scrutiny recommendations will continue to be incorporated in reports to the Scrutiny Board and Panels. Ongoing scrutiny function developments will be implemented utilising current budgeted Scrutiny Team resources.  
[GE/11032023/P]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 This report provides an overview of the scrutiny which has taken place during the Municipal Year May 2021 - May 2022. For legal implications, specific to each project please refer to the reports taken to Scrutiny Board and Panels during the year.  
[AS/17032023/A]

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 In scrutinising issues, the members of the Board, Panel or group are required to consider the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different groups of people in order to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.
- 6.2 For equalities implications relating to each issue considered, please refer to the reports taken to Scrutiny Board and Panels during the year

## **7.0 All other implications**

7.1 For all other implications, refer to the reports and minutes from the Scrutiny meetings during the time frame the Annual Report covers.

## **8.0 Schedule of background papers**

8.1 Copies of all agendas and minutes for Scrutiny meetings can be found [here](#).

## **9.0 Appendices**

9.1 Appendix 1: Scrutiny Annual Report May 2021 - May 2022