

Meeting of the City Council

8 November 2023

Report title	Scrutiny Annual Report May 2022 - May 2023	
Referring body	Scrutiny Board – 23 October 2023	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Philip Bateman MBE – Chair of Scrutiny Board	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paula Brookfield - Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities,	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Scrutiny Board	23 October 2023

Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report, May 2022 – May 2023.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The Annual Report highlights some of the key achievements of the Scrutiny function over the 2022 – 2023 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 2022 – May 2023 on 23 October 2023.
- 2.2 The Chair of Scrutiny Board recommended to Council that it endorses the Annual Scrutiny Report, May 2022 – May 2023.

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 2022-2023. 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. [SR/25102023/A]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 This report provides an overview of the scrutiny which has taken place during the Municipal Year May 2022 - May 2023. For legal implications, specific to each project please refer to the reports taken to Scrutiny Board and Panels during the year. [TC/26102023]

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. The Resources and Equality Scrutiny Panel regularly receives reports on Equalities matters.
- 6.2 For equalities implications relating to each issue considered, please refer to the reports taken to Scrutiny Board and the 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 on the Council's website.

9.0 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: Scrutiny Annual Report May 2022 – May 2023