

City Council – 31 October 2022

Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

Does the report form part of the Budget or Policy Framework?

Yes No

Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?

No

Relevant Council Plan Key Outcome:

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| Clean and Connected Communities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keeping Nottingham Working | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Carbon Neutral by 2028 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Safer Nottingham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Child-Friendly Nottingham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Healthy and Inclusive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keeping Nottingham Moving | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improve the City Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Better Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Financial Stability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Serving People Well | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

1. Summary

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the scrutiny committees during the municipal year 2021/22, and the outputs and outcomes from the work. It also outlines the improvement activity that has taken place during the year to improve the operation of the scrutiny function and plans for the year ahead.

2. Recommendations

2.1 To accept the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22.

3. Reasons for recommendations

3.1 To enable Council to consider the work, and valued added by the Overview and Scrutiny function during 2021/22.

4. Other options considered in making recommendations

- 4.1 None. Council is asked to note the work that has already taken place and accept the Annual Report as an overview of that work.

5. Consideration of Risk

- 5.1 The scrutiny function has been identified as an area for improvement in the Together for Nottingham Plan and there are risks to the Council if this improvement is not delivered.

6. Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 6.1 Overview and scrutiny is a statutory function to help improve governance and public services for the benefit of local people. It ensures that the Council's Executive is publicly held to account for its decisions and actions and promotes open and transparent decision-making and democratic accountability. It also has a wide remit to explore how the Council and its partners could improve services for the people of Nottingham by offering constructive review, feedback and challenge to the Council's Executive and other relevant local decision makers on their decisions, actions, policy, strategy and performance.
- 6.2 During 2021/22 the overview and scrutiny function was carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Call In Sub Committee.
- 6.3 The Annual Report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the scrutiny committees during 2021/22 and some more detailed examples of specific areas of work. The Report also reflects on the outcomes of that work and how it has added value to the work of the Council and partners by holding decision makers and service providers to account and/or contributing to service improvement.
- 6.4 The scrutiny function has been identified as an area for improvement in the Together for Nottingham Plan and a review of the function was carried out by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny in 2020/21. The Report summarises the improvement activity that has taken place during the course of the year to address to issues raised in that review and implement the actions contained within the Scrutiny Improvement Action Plan.

7. Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money)

- 7.1 The contents of this report seek to accept the 2020/21 Overview and Scrutiny report. This raises no significant financial issues.
- 7.2 Any improvement areas identified needing financial support above NCC base budget would be subject to further decision making.

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8. Legal colleague comments

- 8.1 The contents of this report raise no significant legal issues and is supported.

Malcolm R. Townroe, Director of Legal and Governance 11 October 2022

9. **Other relevant comments**

9.1 None

10. **Crime and Disorder Implications (If Applicable)**

10.1 Not applicable

11. **Social value considerations (If Applicable)**

11.1 Not applicable

12. **Regard to the NHS Constitution (If Applicable)**

12.1 Not applicable

13. **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

13.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because the report and recommendation does not relate to a new or changing policy or service.

14. **Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)**

14.1 Has the data protection impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



A DPIA is not required because there are no data protection implications associated with the report and recommendation.

15. **Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)**

15.1 Has the carbon impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



A CIA is not required because there are no carbon implications associated with the report and recommendation.

16. **List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)**

16.1 None

17. **Published documents referred to in this report**

17.1 Nottingham City Council Constitution

17.2 Agendas and minutes of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Call In Sub Committee during 2021/22.

17.3 Together for Nottingham Plan

17.4 Report of the Review of the Scrutiny Function carried out by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny

17.5 Scrutiny Improvement Action Plan

Councillor Sam Gardiner
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee