

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**8 March 2023**

**Scrutiny Action Plan Update**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the update on progress against the Scrutiny Action Plan.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note and comment on the progress made in delivering the outcomes in the Scrutiny Action Plan

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 6 October 2021 the Committee approved the Scrutiny Action Plan in response to the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny's (CfGS) report and recommendations following its review of scrutiny at Nottingham City Council earlier in the year.
- 3.2 A progress update was provided at the meeting on 9 March 2022, which included the approval of the Scrutiny Protocol.
- 3.3 The Action Plan is attached to the report, with a status column included, to update the Committee on whether the actions have been achieved or are still in progress. In relation to the actions not currently completed:
- (a) Role descriptions for the Chair and Vice Chairs have been included in the Constitution. Scrutiny Committee Member job descriptions will be included in the induction pack for Councillors post-election, prior to Committee appointments being made
  - (b) The development programme developed in response to the CfGS has been delivered, but further development work will be undertaken as part of the induction process for new Councillors
  - (c) The recruitment of additional staff to support scrutiny has been included as a growth item in the 2023/24 budget
  - (d) The internet and intranet pages will be reviewed and updated prior to the commencement of the new municipal year. This target has slipped due to capacity within the team (see (c) above)
  - (e) Further discussion is required regarding Scrutiny Chairs and Scrutiny officers being invited to attend Executive Panel on a regular basis for a discussion on how recent scrutiny items have

impacted and added value and to identify future areas that Scrutiny could support, as monthly attendance at Leadership Group is currently taking place

- (f) Regular meetings between scrutiny chairs and scrutiny support officers, officer leadership, and the lead Portfolio Holder to oversee engagement of the scrutiny committees with key corporate issues and 'trouble shoot' any barriers or challenges has been partially achieved because there is no definite Corporate Director or Portfolio Holder for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee because of its broad remit. The regular meetings do take place for the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
- (g) The possibility of re-establishing joint health scrutiny arrangements with Nottinghamshire County Council to share, and make best use of available resources was discussed with the County but it was not felt to be the right time and will be revisited post-election.

#### **4 List of attached information**

4.1 Scrutiny Action Plan.

#### **5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None.

#### **6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 Centre for Governance and Scrutiny report on the review of scrutiny of Nottingham City Council.

6.2 Scrutiny Action Plan report and minutes at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 October 2021.

6.3 Scrutiny Action Plan report and minutes at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 March 2022.

#### **7 Wards affected**

7.1 All.

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