

Council

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Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report

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Summary

This report presents the Council's first Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report following changes to the Council Rules, as set out in the Constitution.

1. Recommendations

1.1. The Council is recommended to note the report.

2. Budget and policy framework

2.1. Council Rule 2 (ordinary meetings) states the following with regards to this report: "receive and debate an annual report on overview and scrutiny activity, at the last ordinary meeting of the municipal year, to include the provision for each Overview and Scrutiny committee Chairperson to speak for up to 5 minutes each."

2.2. The April full Council meeting is the last ordinary meeting of the municipal year.

3. Background

3.1. Members will be aware that until the Council Rules were changed in November 2025, a report was presented to each ordinary Council meeting setting out details of Overview and Scrutiny activity for the preceding period.

3.2. As part of a range of measures designed to reduce the length of Council meetings, Members agreed to change the Council Rules so that an annual report on Overview and Scrutiny be submitted to the last ordinary meeting of the municipal year (currently the April meeting), as set out in paragraph 2.1 above.

3.3. The annual report is set out at Appendix A to the report, this covers key highlights from each of the four committees, as well as information relating to the Task Group completed during the last year.

4. Risk management

4.1. There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1. The four Overview and Scrutiny Chairpersons have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated in the annual report.

6. Financial and legal implications

6.1. There are no financial or legal implications arising from the report.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report

Background papers

None