

# Agenda Item 6

<b>OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMISSION</b>	<b>DATE</b> 11 September 2024
<b>TITLE</b> Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24	<b>WARDS</b> All
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> Scrutiny Manager	<b>CABINET/LEAD MEMBER</b> Cllr Edward Foley, Chair of the Commission
<b>DECISION CLASSIFICATION</b> Non exempt report	<b>IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING?</b> Yes

## 1. **Recommendations:**

- A. The Commission is invited to comment on the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.
- B. That, subject to any changes agreed by the Commission, the Commission approves the annual report to be presented to Council on 18 September 2024.

## 2. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission is required to produce an annual report outlining the work of the overview and scrutiny function over the course of the municipal year. The Commission has used the report as an opportunity to draw attention to some of the outcomes achieved during the year.

## 3. **Links to the Merton Priorities (Borough of Sport/Civic Pride/Sustainable Futures)**

- 3.1 This report relates to the Council's Strategic priorities as it is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

## 4. **Introduction and Background**

- 4.1 The draft version of the report is in Appendix A.

## 5. **Available Options & Preferred Option**

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission would be in breach of the constitution if it did not produce an annual report and present it to Council.

## 6. **Preferred Option**

- 6.1 Approve the Annual Report to be presented to Council on 18 September 2024.

## 7. **Consultation Results**

- 7.1 None

## 8. **Next Steps & Timetable: Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

8.1 Send the report to Council on 18 September 2024.

9. **Report Appendices**

9.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Draft Annual Scrutiny Report

10. **Background Papers**

None

11. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications and Sign-Off**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>	<b>Sign-off</b>
<b>Legal</b> including Human Rights Act	Under Part 2, Article 6, 6.3 (f) the Overview and Scrutiny commission must report annually to full Council on its workings and the workings of its panels, make recommendations for future work programs and amended working methods, if appropriate. Save for that there are no other specific legal implications arising out of this report.	Fabiola Hickson Head of Law, Procurement and Information Governance  9/9/2024
<b>Finance</b> and other resources	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.	Gina James Service Financial Adviser 06/09/2024
<b>Equalities</b>	The decisions recommended through this report have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act 2010. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.	Rosie Mckeever Scrutiny Manager 19/08/24
<b>Climate change</b>	Whilst all meetings will have some environmental impact in terms of energy used within the buildings and transport to and from the meeting, meetings are predominantly paperless to reduce environmental impact, with all meeting documents available electronically and paper copies only provided where required for accessibility reasons.	Rosie Mckeever Scrutiny Manager 19/08/24
Executive Director	Clearance/Approval of Report	N/A
Cabinet Member/s	Clearance/Approval of Report	N/A
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