

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL
19 JULY 2022

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Head of Service: Mr Robin Taylor, Head of Policy & Governance

Key decision: No

Access: Public

1. Purpose and summary

1.1 To provide the Council and the Waverley community with an accurate picture of the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the municipal year 2021/22.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To receive the annual report, set out at Annexe 1, on the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees in 2021/22.

3. Reason for the recommendation

3.1 To provide the rest of the Council and the Waverley community with an accurate picture of the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

3.2 To provide councillors with an opportunity to reflect on what has worked well, where there are lessons to be drawn and where improvements could be made.

4. Background

4.1 Annexe 1, p.3 details the Overview and Scrutiny Committee structures which have been in place in 2021/22.

4.2 These 'parent' committees are also empowered to create working groups (often referred to as 'task and finish groups') to look at a policy area or issue in greater depth than would be practical as one of several items on the parent committee's agenda.

5. Relationship to the Corporate Strategy and Service Plan

5.1 Overview and scrutiny is an independent, Member led function that facilitates and achieves democratic accountability for public services. As such, it seeks to ensure that the work of the Council fully meets the Council's corporate priorities.

6. Implications of decision

6.1 Resource (Finance, procurement, staffing, IT)

There are no resource implications of this report.

6.2 Risk Management

No risks arising from the recommendations of this report have been identified.

6.3 Legal

There are no legal implications from this report.

6.4 Equality, diversity and inclusion

There are no direct equality and diversity implications from this report.

6.5 Climate emergency declaration

There are no direct climate change implications from this report.

7. Consultation and engagement

7.1 None for the purposes of this report.

8. Other options considered

8.1 The Council could decline to report on O&S's activities. However, this would deprive councillors and residents of a resource for understanding this aspect of the Council's activity.

9. Governance Journey

9.1 The report was presented to the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny committees for comment on June 20 and 21 2022 respectively.

Annexes:

Annexe 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

Annexe 2 – 2021-22 Master Tracker Recommendations to the Executive from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Background Papers

There are no background papers, as defined by Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act (1972)

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