

Bolsover District Council

Council

17th July 2019

Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19

Report of the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees

This report is public.

Purpose of the Report

- To provide Members of the Council with an annual overview of the work programme of the Committees during 2018/19, in accordance with functional responsibilities of Scrutiny as detailed in Part 2, Article 6.3(2) and Part 3.6(1) of the Council's Constitution.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The report provides an overview on the core activity for each of the Committee's and details some of the impacts as a result of past recommendations.
- 1.2 Part 2, Article 6.1 of the constitution requires the Council to appoint three Scrutiny Committees and a Budget Scrutiny Committee to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.3 Within the Terms of Reference (Part 2, Article 6.2), the three Scrutiny Committees have delivered the following functions:-
 - (1) review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
 - (2) make reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Executive in connection with the discharge of any functions;
 - (3) consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants;
 - (4) exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive; and
 - (5) assist the Council and the Executive with the development of future policies and strategies.
- 1.4 Each of the three Scrutiny Committees have conducted their proceedings in accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The attached report provides an overview of the work completed by Scrutiny Members during 2018/19, and reviews the impact of previous scrutiny recommendations.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note the report as required by Article 6.3(2) of the Council's Constitution.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 All Scrutiny Committees are committed to equality and diversity in undertaking their statutory responsibilities and ensure equalities are considered as part of all Reviews. The selection criteria when submitting a topic, specifically asks members to identify where the topic suggested affects particular population groups or geographies.
- 3.2 The Council has a statutory duty under s.149 Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 This report has been prepared on behalf of the three Scrutiny Committee with a view to informing Council of the Committee's undertaking of their statutory responsibilities.
- 4.2 Members are required to report to Council on an annual basis as determined in the Constitution.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 None from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 The Scrutiny Committee function is a statutory requirement pursuant to s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added to/amended these powers e.g. the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 None from this report.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members note the annual report of the Scrutiny Committee's activities in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i></p> <p><i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	All
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	Scrutiny evaluates delivery against all Corporate Plan Priorities

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19
<p>Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
<p>Committee minutes 2018/19 Review work Scrutiny Conference 2018</p>	
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Report Reference –