

Bolsover District Council

**Meeting of the Audit & Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee on 13 September
2022**

Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

Report of the Chair of Audit & Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To provide members of the Scrutiny Committee with an extract from the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/22 for consideration and approval.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The main purpose of the report is to allow Members to review the content to be included in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22, in relation to the work of the Committee.
- 1.2 The wider report will provide an overview on the core activity for each of the Committee's and details some of the impacts as a result of past recommendations.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Part 2, Article 6.1 of the constitution requires the Council to appoint four Scrutiny Committees 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.
- 2.2 Within the Terms of Reference (Part 2, Article 6.2), the four 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.
- 2.3 In relation to the attached extract summarising work undertaken, the Committee have conducted their proceedings in accordance with the Terms of Reference at Part 3.6 and the Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The attached extract provides an overview of the work completed by Members of the Audit & Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee during 2021/22, and reviews the impact of work completed.
- 3.2 Members are asked to note the report as required by Article 6.3(2) of the Council's Constitution.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 This report and the appendix have been prepared on behalf of the 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.
- 4.3 Completion of an Annual Report has been identified as part of the Committees improvement plan following the recent self-assessment and as such cannot be rejected.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Members review the contents of the appendix and if satisfied it is a true account, approve it for inclusion in the wider Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22.
2. That Committee Members encourage all other Members and senior officers of the Council to provide feedback to the Scrutiny & Elections Officer on the conduct and impact of the Committee as part of the Committee's Improvement Plan.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

None from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

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.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

None from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No
<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	N/A
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes Details: Committee Members

<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</p>
<p>Scrutiny evaluates delivery against all Corporate Ambitions and Priorities</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
1.	ACOSC Extract from Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22

Background Papers
<p><i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>
<p>Committee minutes 2021/22 Review work</p>