

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Council on 7 December 2022

Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

Report of the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To provide Members of the Council with an annual overview of the work programme of the Committees during 2021/22, in accordance with functional responsibilities of Scrutiny as detailed in Part 2, Article 6.3(2) and Part 3.6(10) of the Council's Constitution.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The main purpose of the report is to allow Members to review the summary of Scrutiny's activities during 2021/22.
- 1.2 The report provides an overview on the core activity for each of the Committee's and details some of the impacts.

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 Each of the four Scrutiny Committees 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 provides an overview of the work completed by Members of the Scrutiny Committees 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 Committees with a view to informing Council of the Committee's undertaking of their statutory responsibilities.
- 4.2 There are no alternative options as Members are required to report to Council on an annual basis as determined in the Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Members review the attached Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee's activities in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
2. That Members and senior officers of the Council provide feedback to the Scrutiny & Elections Officer on the conduct and impact of the Audit & Corporate Overview Scrutiny 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.

Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act requires every local authority to have a Crime and Disorder Committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. (Responsible authorities are effectively the statutory partners within a community safety partnership i.e. Police, local authorities (county and district), Fire and Rescue Authority, Probation Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups.)

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment:

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details:

The Review completed by Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee – Review of Council’s Policy on Fireworks – aims to ensure the Council increases its ability to enforce against misuse of fireworks and improving regulation of local firework displays.

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>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Committee Members</p>

<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.	Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22

<p>Background Papers <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>