

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Council on 8th October 2025

Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2024/25

Report of the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	Scrutiny Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To provide Members of the Council with an annual overview of the work programme of the Committees during 2024/25, in accordance with functional responsibilities of Scrutiny as detailed in Part 2, Article 6.3(2) and Part 3.6.1(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 2024/25.
- 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 Part 1A, s9F 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:
 - i. review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
 - ii. make reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Executive in connection with the discharge of any functions;
 - iii. consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants;
 - iv. exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive; and

- v. 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 3.6.1 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 2024/25, 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.

IMPLICATIONS:

<u>Finance and Risk</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Details:		
There are no financial implications arising from this report.		
On behalf of the Section 151 Officer		
<u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Details:		
The Scrutiny Committee function is a statutory requirement pursuant to Part 1A, s9F of the Local Government Act 2000.		

In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in Part 1A, s9F(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.

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

Staffing Yes ☐ No ☒
Details:

None from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

Equality and Diversity, and Consultation Yes ☐ No ☒
Details:

None from this report.

Environment Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Details:

N/A

DECISION INFORMATION:

☒ ***Please indicate which threshold applies:***

Is the decision a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:

Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or **(b)** Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.

Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) ☐ (b) ☐

<p>Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p> <p>District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:</p>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> <p>If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p> Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> </p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing</p>
<p>Scrutiny evaluates delivery against all Corporate Ambitions and Priorities</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

Appendix No	Title
1	Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2024/25

<p>Background Papers</p>