



## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 17 August 2021

### Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

<b>Purpose</b>	To provide a report on the work of scrutiny for the municipal year 2020/21.
<b>Content</b>	This report provides background to the annual report and attaches the draft annual report 2020/21.
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	Consider the annual report and endorse its presentation to Council.
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#### 1. Introduction

1.1 Every year Council requires that an annual report is produced for the work of scrutiny for the previous municipal year.

1.2 The Scrutiny Annual Report is used to:

- Highlight the work carried out by scrutiny
- Show how scrutiny has made a difference
- Support continuous improvement for the scrutiny function

1.3 The report is produced as a simple scorecard. This approach is intended to highlight a small number of key indicators that illustrate four performance questions. These questions, which are intended to reflect a 'results based' approach, are:

- How much scrutiny did we carry out?
- How well did we do?
- How did scrutiny impact on the business of the Council?
- What were the outcomes of scrutiny?

1.4 Charts have been added that show comparative data with previous years where available. Arrows on the main scorecard have also been added to indicate the direction of change for each measure. As well as data, the report highlights stories about the impact made by scrutiny, and a reflection on efforts to improve and develop scrutiny.

1.5 Councillors should also consider whether the indicators will be suitable for future reports or whether different indicators should be used or developed.

1.6 Subject to agreement, the annual report could be presented to the next available Council meeting, which would be 2 September 2021.

## **2. Financial Implications**

2.1. There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

## **3. Legal Implications**

3.1. The Council Constitution requires that a scrutiny annual report is produced each year although the style and content of the annual report is not prescribed.

## **4. Integrated Assessment Implications**

4.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socioeconomic disadvantage

- 4.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2005 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'. Our Integrated Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.
- 4.3 There are no impact assessment implications associated with this report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21