

Scrutiny Annual Report 2020 to 2021

Date: 12th January 2022

Report of: City Solicitor

Report to: Council

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires that the Council's Scrutiny Officer reports to Council annually about how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions. The 2020/2021 Annual Report is appended.
- The Annual Report illustrates those areas of work undertaken by Scrutiny which directly contribute to the delivery of the Council's Best Council Plan; as detailed within the schedule included within this report.
- The 2020/2021 report also sets out the role of scrutiny in supporting Leeds City Council's Covid-19 pandemic response and recovery period.

Recommendations

- a) Council is asked to receive and note the Annual Report 2020/2021.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 This report presents to Council the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/2021. It also provides opportunity to further update members on the role of scrutiny in the response to, and subsequent recovery from, the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2 The 2020/2021 Annual Report is being considered later in the municipal cycle than comparable reports in previous years given the unprecedented circumstances of recent months. With public meetings halted during the initial period of response to the Covid-19 pandemic it was not possible for the Scrutiny Annual Report to be considered by full Council in the typical cyclical manner.
- 3 Given that context for the timing of this report to Council, the 2020/21 report also outlines the role of scrutiny during the initial pandemic response period and on-going activity during the first three months of the new municipal year.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 4 The attached Annual Report for 2020/2021 highlights the work originated by Scrutiny during the last Municipal Year and reflects on the monitoring of past scrutiny activity to ensure agreed recommendations stay on track.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 5 The Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/2021 was produced by the Head of Democratic Services (designated as the proper officer for Scrutiny) in consultation with Scrutiny Chairs and the Executive Board Member for Resources.

What are the resource implications?

- 6 There are no specific resource implications to this paper.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 This report has no specific legal implications.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 8 There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

- 9 The annual report illustrates those areas of work undertaken by Scrutiny which directly contribute to the delivery of the Council's Best Council Plan. The work programmes of all the Scrutiny Boards reference all three of the Council's key pillars.

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

- 10 This report is intended to meet the requirement of Article 6 of the Council's Constitution that the Council's Scrutiny Officer reports to Council annually about how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions.

b) How will success be measured?

- 11 Members of Council are asked to note the summary of the work carried out by the Boards in 2020/21 as set out in the Annual Report.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

- 12 This is a factual report providing an overview of the work of the Council's scrutiny function for 2020/2021 and as such there are no implementation requirements.

Appendices

13 The Scrutiny Annual Report is appended.

Background papers

14 None.