



Report to Council for Noting

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Subject of Report: 2022-23 Annual Scrutiny Report

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Cabinet Responsibility: None – Scrutiny is not an executive function.

Director Responsibility: Helen Harris – Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Brief: This report summarises the work that the Council's Scrutiny function undertook in 2022-23.

Recommendations: That the 2022/23 Annual Scrutiny Report is noted.

1. 2022/23 Annual Scrutiny Report

- 1.1 The 2019 Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny recommended that each authority compiles an annual scrutiny report and presents it to Council to be agreed.
- 1.2 The aim of submitting an annual report on scrutiny in the previous year is to maintain the interest of Full Council in the work of Scrutiny.
- 1.3 In practice Ealing has a large scrutiny function and the vast majority of back bench members are represented on various scrutiny panels. However the report serves a purpose in providing an overview of the Council's scrutiny function.
- 1.4 As Scrutiny moves away from the model of each panel undertaking in depth reviews and submitting a long report at the end of the year, the annual report serves a purpose in ensuring the activities, and impact, of scrutiny are recorded in one place for easy reference. This also ensures that interested members of the public are able to easily see a brief summary of the impact that Scrutiny has had over the previous year.

2. Legal Implications

The general scrutiny functions and powers and specific role of Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out in the Council Constitution.

3. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support to Overview and Scrutiny Committee is contained within the allocated budget. Value for money will come from OSC having a well-constructed work programme with each topic for scrutiny having a considered brief and identified outcomes.

4. Other Implications

There are no other implications.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2022-23 Annual Scrutiny Report

Consultation

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent to consultee	Date response received	Comments appear in paragraph:
Internal				
Helen Harris	Director of Legal and Democratic Services	11 Dec 2023	11 Dec 2023	
Cllr Yoel Gordon	Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1 Dec 2023	8 Dec 2023	

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