



Report to Scrutiny

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Subject of Report: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

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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.

The report is presented to the Committee for agreement, and will then be considered by Council on 19 December.

Recommendations: That the 2022/23 Annual Scrutiny Report (Appendix 1) is agreed.

1. 2023/24 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 Ealing has a large scrutiny function and, in practice, the vast majority of back bench members are represented on at least one of the Council's scrutiny panels. However the report provides an overview of the Council's scrutiny function for those members who have not been able to.
- 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 ensures the activities, and impact, of scrutiny are recorded in one place for easy reference. This has the added benefit that interested members of the public are able to easily locate a brief summary of the impact that Scrutiny has had over the previous year.
- 1.5 Following consideration of the report by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the annual scrutiny report will be presented to Council on 19 December.

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				
Cllr Yoel Gordon	Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	17 Nov 23	21 Nov 23	
Cllr Fabio Conti	Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	17 Nov 23	21 Nov 23	

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