

North Tyneside Council

Report to Annual Council

16 May 2024

Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor	Cabinet Member(s):	Dame Norma Redfearn DBE
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Report from Service Area: Governance

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The Authority's Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee's Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny to be received at the Annual Council Meeting each year. Accordingly, the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee's Report for 2023/24, which provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Committee over the previous year, is now presented to full Council.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Council receives and notes the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24 appended to this report.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 12 April 2024.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee supports all of the priorities in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

1.5.2 At the end of each municipal year a report is produced to summarise the activities and performance of overview and scrutiny over the year.

1.5.3 Attached as an appendix to this report is the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee's Annual Report 2023/24. The report highlights the breadth of work undertaken by the Committee and its sub-committees during the year.

1.5.4 The report was considered and agreed by the Overview, Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee on 3 April 2024.

1.5.5 Council is recommended to receive and note the report appended to this report.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council:

Option 1

To receive and note the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee's Annual Report for 2023/24.

Option 2

To refer the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee's Annual Report for 2023/24 back to the Committee for its further consideration.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

The Annual Report of the Overview, Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee for 2023/24 provides a record of the work of Scrutiny over the past year, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 3 April 2024.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2023/24.

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- North Tyneside Council Constitution
- Reports and Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee and its sub committees 2023/24.

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

2.2 Legal

The report is submitted in accordance with the Authority's constitutional requirement for the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report to be received at the Annual Council meeting.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The Overview, Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee, at its meeting on 3 April 2024, considered and approved the Annual Report and referred it to this Annual Council meeting.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

There has been no external consultation in relation to the Annual Report as it relates to the internal governance of the Authority.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity issues arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

PART 3 – SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Director(s) of Service X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Assistant Chief Executive X