

North Tyneside Council Report to Annual Council 20 May 2021

Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Norma Redfearn

Report from Service Area: Law and Governance

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The Authority's Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report to be received at the Annual Council Meeting each year. Accordingly, the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2020/21, which provides a summary of work of the Authority's overview and scrutiny function over the previous year, is attached as Appendix A.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

Council is requested to note and receive the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This report first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 23 April 2021.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report does not relate directly to any of the themes/programmes/projects in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

1.5 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

1.5.1 At the end of each municipal year a report is produced which summarises the activities and performance of scrutiny over the last year and sets out the approach to the development of the work programme for the year ahead.

1.5.2 Attached at Appendix A is the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21. The report particularly highlights the involvement of scrutiny in policy development, and sets out

some of the achievements of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub-committees through the various pieces of work undertaken during the year. The report also highlights the process in place for the development of the 2021/22 work programme, including the involvement of stakeholders in order to develop a work programme that will deliver a timely contribution to policy development across the Council.

1.5.3 The report was considered and agreed by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 15 March 2021.

1.5.4 Members are recommended to note and receive the report as attached.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council:

Option 1

To note and receive the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21.

Option 2

To refer the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21 back to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for further consideration.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reason:

The Annual Report of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for 2020/21 provides a record of the work of the Committee over the past year.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix A - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21.

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, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub committees 2020/21.

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 and Policy Development Committee, at its meeting on 15 March 2021, 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.