

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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**Cabinet Member for HR & Corporate Services:
Councillor Mike Hallam**

Report Title	Annual Reports 2021/2022 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Corporate, Place and People
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to full Council the Annual Reports of the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Corporate, People and Place) for 2021/2022. The report notes the work undertaken by the Committees over their first year.
- 1.2 At their recent meetings, the Overview and Scrutiny Committees approved their Annual Reports 2021/2022 for submission to full Council at its meeting on 29 September 2022.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for full Council to note the Annual Reports 2021/2022 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Corporate, People and Place).

Recommendations

- 3.1 Full Council is recommended to:

- a) Note the Annual Reports 2021/2022 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Corporate, People and Place.

3.2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.2.1 To highlight and raise awareness the work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees over the year 2021/2022.

4 Report Background

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees have completed their first year and the Annual Reports details the scrutiny activities undertaken during 2021/2022.
- 4.2 It is good practice for an Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report to Council on the way in which it has carried out its duties each year to allow the wider membership to comment or make suggestions. This is the first year of the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The Committees held their inaugural meetings in June 2021, and the Annual Reports cover the period June 2021 to May 2022.

5 Issues and Choices

- 5.1 Full Council is asked to note the Annual Reports 2021/2022 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Corporate, People and Place.

6 Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

- 6.1.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the proposals.
- 6.1.2 There are no direct manpower implications arising from this report.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Council's executive arrangements has one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSC) which is responsible for overseeing and scrutinising Council decisions, financial arrangements, performance of the Council, including its budget and accounting processes and matters which may affect the Council's area/ inhabitants. The relevant OSC of the Council operates within the provisions as set out in:

- the Local Government Act 2000
- the Health and Social Care Act 2001
- the Local Government Act 2003, the Police and Justice Act 2006
- the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009
- the Localism Act 2011
- the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
- the Overview and Scrutiny (Reference by Councillors) (Excluded Matters) (England) Order 2012
- the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013
- Statutory guidance

6.2.2 Statutory Guidance states that authorities should, take steps to ensure all members and officers are made aware of the role the scrutiny committee plays in the organisation, its value, and the outcomes it can deliver, the powers it has, its membership and, if appropriate, the identity of those providing officer support. The presentation of the Annual Reports of the OSC reports to Council supports this purpose.

6.3 Risk

6.3.1 There are none specifically.

6.4 Consultation

6.4.1 Corporate, People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees were consulted on the draft Annual Reports 2021/2022 at their meetings on 21 June, 4 July and 12 September 2022.

6.4.2 All Members of West Northamptonshire Council will receive a copy of the Annual reports at the meeting of full Council on 29 September 2022.

6.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

6.5.1 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered their draft Annual Reports as detailed at paragraph 6.4.1.

6.6 Climate Impact

6.6.1 There are no immediate climate change implications arising from this report.

6.7 Community Impact

6.7.1 There are no immediate climate change implications arising from this report.

7 Background Papers

Meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Corporate, People and Place June 2021 to May 2022