

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Introduction

1. The Constitution requires that the Scrutiny Commission and Overview and Scrutiny Committees submit an Annual Report to the Council (or the Scrutiny Commission in a single report on their behalf) on their workings. The report may make recommendations about future work programmes and changes in working methods.

Annual Report

2. Attached as Appendix A to this report is a copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23. It is intended as a public facing summary of the key highlights of scrutiny activity undertaken during the year and serves to draw out the work undertaken at committee level and how this has had an impact.
3. The Annual Report reflects on a demanding year, with an unprecedented rise in costs and inflation and continued growth in demand for services. This has been an area of focus for all the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The level of public interest in Overview and Scrutiny continues to be positive, with a number of questions and petitions being received and a significant number of people watching the webcasts of committee meetings.

Conclusions and Looking Forward

4. The work of Overview and Scrutiny remains important in holding decision makers such as the Cabinet to account, in ensuring that the Council's budget and performance is closely monitored, and in making certain that outcomes are delivered for the benefit of the residents of Leicestershire.
5. Looking forward to the coming year the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will continue to monitor the impact of demand and cost pressures on budgets. There will be a particular focus on the SEND and Inclusion system within Children and Family Services. The expected impact of national reviews into children's social care and reforms of adult social care will be considered, alongside concerns over recruitment and retention pressures across the health and social care workforce. Delivery of the Net Zero and Tree Strategies will continue to be monitored, as will road safety performance and public satisfaction with the road network.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23, attached as Appendix A to this report, on its activities, be noted.)

12th June 2022

Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC
Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Background Papers

Report to the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 12 June 2023 – Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23.

Appendix

Appendix A - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23