

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

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 2023/24. 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 the range of specific topics that have been reviewed, including adult social care support and funding for nursing care provision, the delivery of the Council's Transforming Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion Programme and SEND Transport, flooding, particularly following Storm Henk, and focused work to look at proposals to deliver savings through the closure of some recycling and household waste sites and SHIRE community and environment grants.

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 financial performance of the Council and the impact of demand and cost pressures on budgets. There will continue to be focus on the SEND and Inclusion system and SEND Transport. The revised Environmental Net Zero priorities will be the subject of further scrutiny, alongside strategic documents such as the Nature Recovery Strategy, Highway Design Guide and Local Transport Plan (LTP 4).

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24, attached as Appendix A to this report, be noted.)

10 June 2024

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

Background Papers

[Report to the Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 10 June 2024 – Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23.](#)

Appendix

Appendix A - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24