

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

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 2025/26. 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, which has included SEND and children's social care pressures, adult social care improvement and safeguarding, highways maintenance and drainage, local nature recovery and climate resilience, and access to health services. In addition to formal committee meetings, the Scrutiny Commission has called three additional special meetings to examine time critical and complex matters in greater depth such as the Council's local government reorganisation proposals and the outcome of the Council's efficiency review.

Conclusions

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.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2025-26, appended to this report, be noted.)

10 June 2026

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Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission**

Background Papers

<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=137&MIId=8394&Ver=4>

Appendix

Appendix A - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2025-26