
**ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT PAGES - JOINT
SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

Background

1. This report seeks Members' approval of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee pages of the joint Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23, attached as **Appendix A**.

Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23

2. The Council's Constitution requires all Scrutiny Committees to report annually to the Council on their work during the past year and make recommendations for future work programmes. Since 2020/21 there is one combined Scrutiny Annual Report capturing the work of the five scrutiny committees. For Members information, the 2021/22 Scrutiny Annual Report is available [here](#).
3. The Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 will be considered by Full Council in June 2023. It is currently being drafted and will be presented to all Chairs of Scrutiny for consideration, prior to the end of their term of office in May 2023.
4. In preparation for the final draft report, each committee is requested to agree the pages that will be included for that committee. Draft pages are therefore attached at **Appendix A** for this committee's review, amendment, and approval. The pages set out committee membership, purpose, and key achievements over the year.
5. Members' views are also sought on topics they wish to recommend for future scrutiny by this committee, to be included in another section of the Annual Report on Future Scrutiny Priorities 2023/24. These suggestions will be

presented to the next Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee for their consideration during their work programming for 223/24.

6. In addition to the above, the final Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 will focus on the difference scrutiny has made to residents, visitors, staff, and businesses over the year. It will also aim to improve stakeholder understanding and interest in Scrutiny, explain how Scrutiny facilitates engagement and encourages public participation, and highlight the value of Member-led/ stakeholder informed decision making.
7. If agreed by Council, the report will be available for download bi-lingually from the Council's website, in standard or large print version and will also offer a translation in other minority languages if requested.

Way Forward

8. During the meeting, Members can consider the draft Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee pages for the Scrutiny Annual Report and suggest any amendments required as well as suggest topics for future scrutiny.

Legal Implications

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review, and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the

Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

12. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review, and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Consider, if necessary amend, and approve the draft Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee pages of the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23, attached at **Appendix A**, and
- ii. Suggest topics for future scrutiny by this committee.

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