

Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 March 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020/21

Report of Director – Law and Governance

This report is public

Purpose of report

This report presents the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and provide feedback on the draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report for 2020/21
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Director – Law and Governance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to finalise the areas highlighted in the report following the final meeting of the municipal year, prior to its submission to Council.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The draft of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report 2020/21 is submitted to the final meeting of the Municipal Year for consideration before its submission to Council.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a constitutional obligation to “produce a unified annual report for the whole scrutiny process” and to present it to Council.

- 3.2 The draft of the report details work undertaken by the Committee as at the end of February 2021. Areas that require additional information following the conclusion of the March 2021 meeting have been highlighted yellow in square brackets.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The recommendations as set out are in the best interests of the Council and ensures the Overview and Scrutiny Committee fulfils its constitutional obligation.

5.0 Consultation

None.

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Not to agree the recommendations. This is rejected, as this would lead to the Committee not meeting its constitutional obligation.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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Risk Implications

- 7.3 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Key Decision N/A as not an Executive report

Financial Threshold Met: N/A

Community Impact Threshold Met: N/A

Wards Affected

N/A

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

The Corporate Plan themes addressed by each scrutiny topic are detailed in the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual report 2020/21.

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix number and title

- Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020/21

Background papers

None

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