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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2025/20266	
Committee	Council
Date of Committee	20 May 2026
Portfolio Holder presenting the report	Not applicable as this is a report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date Portfolio Holder agreed report	N/A
Report of	Assistant Director – Law & Governance/Monitoring Officer, Shiraz Sheik

Purpose of report

For Council to consider and note the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2025-26.

1. Recommendations

Council resolves:

- 1.1 To note the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2025/2026.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) has a constitutional obligation to “report annually to Council on function of their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate” (Constitution Part 4a, Committee Terms of Reference, section 5.2 point C).

Implications & Impact Assessments

Implications	Commentary
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Rachel Ainsworth (FBP for Resources), 6 May 2026
Legal	Effective scrutiny is an important part of the decision making process in local government decision making. Having appropriate arrangements in place helps to provide good quality decision making for the Council.

	<p>The Local Government Act 2000 established the requirement for overview and scrutiny committees in a local government context and our committee and this report help to ensure that we are complying with our statutory requirements.</p> <p>The report sets out the work which it has undertaken and the recommendations and follow-up actions which have been carried out as a result of its reviews.</p> <p>There are no legal implications arising directly as a result of this report.</p> <p>Shiraz Sheikh, Monitoring Officer, 12 May 2026</p>			
Risk Management	<p>There are no risk implications arising directly from this report. However, agreeing the recommendations of this report mitigates the risk of not being compliant with the Committee and Council's constitutional obligation.</p> <p>Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance & Insight Team Leader, 12 May 2026</p>			
Impact Assessments	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equality Impact				Not applicable.
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		X		
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		X		
Climate & Environmental Impact				Not applicable.
ICT & Digital Impact				Not applicable.
Data Impact				Not applicable.
Procurement & subsidy				Not applicable.

Council Priorities	The work of OSC during 2025-26 covered all of the Council's priorities
Human Resources	N/A
Property	N/A
Consultation & Engagement	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a draft of this report at their meeting on 24 March 2026.

Supporting Information

3. Background

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) has a constitutional obligation to "report annually to Council on function of their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate" (Constitution Part 4a, Committee Terms of Reference, section 5.2 point C).

4. Details

- 4.1 The annual report provides a summary of the subjects covered by OSC during the previous Municipal Year, highlighting key observations and outcomes of discussions.
- 4.2 Councillor David Rogers was Chair of the Committee from November 2025, and has provided the foreword. Councillor Rogers will present the report to Council.

5. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 5.1 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.

Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 6.1 The recommendations as set out are in the best interests of the Council and ensures OSC fulfils its constitutional obligation.

Decision Information

Key Decision	N/A
Subject to Call in	N/A
If not, why not subject to call in	N/A
Ward(s) Affected	All

Document Information

Appendices	
Appendix 1	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2025-26
Background Papers	None
Reference Papers	None
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