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TO	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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MEMBER	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	N
WARDS AFFECTED	(All Wards);

SUBJECT	Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Annual Report 2019/20
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted and recommended to Council.
- (ii) That any additional observations be made to Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee serves as a critical friend to the Council and Executive. The Annual Report of the Committee provides a summary of the work of the Committee during 2019/20 to the Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its Panels examine whether Council services and policies are being delivered in the most efficient and effective way possible, and whether they are meeting the needs of local residents, businesses and users of Council services.

There are strong performance management arrangements and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives management information on a quarterly basis.

As specified in its terms of reference, the Committee provides an annual report

to the Council. The Annual Report of the Committee provides a summary of the work of the Committee in 2019/20 to the Council. This report therefore supports awareness of the role and actions of the Committee by the Council.

The above recommendations are subject to approval by Full Council.

STATUTORY POWERS

1. The functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out in Chapter 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the terms of reference of the Committee.

BACKGROUND

2. The Annual Report 2019/20 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee sets out the work of the Committee in 2019/20, the terms of reference and attendance information of Members for the year.

KEY INFORMATION

3. The full Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019/20 forms Annex 1 to this report.
4. The Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Committee's terms of reference, and attendance information for the year are set out in Annex 2 to this report.

OPTIONS

5. The Committee has the option to support the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20 and make any additional observations.
6. The Committee has the option not to support the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20. This is not recommended.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is a strategic function of the authority and central to the organisation's corporate governance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the annual report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
 - Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

10. The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy/maternity; race; religion/faith; sex and sexual orientation. In addition, marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

11. The Committee should ensure that it has regard for these duties by considering them through the course of its work. This should include considering:
- How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics;
 - Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate;
 - Whether there is equality of access to service and fair representation of all groups within the Borough;
 - Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised.

COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no significant communications implications arising from this report.

CONSULTATION

13. In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny arrangements contained in the Council's constitution, the Committee's Annual Report was discussed with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ANNEXES

14. Annex 1 – Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20

15. Annex 2 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20 Membership and Member Attendance