

North East Derbyshire District Council

Council

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SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Report of the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To provide Members of the Council with an annual overview of the work programme of the Committees during 2024/25.

DECISION ROUTE AND REASON FOR DECISION BEING BROUGHT TO COUNCIL

- The report is for Council's information.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Members review the attached Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committee's activities in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

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| Decision Information | |
| Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i> | No |
| Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In) | No |
| District Wards Significantly Affected | None |
| Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details: | |
| Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 | N/A |
| Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report | N/A |
| Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes Details: |

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Economic and Health implications.

All

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 The main purpose of the report is to allow Members to review the summary of Scrutiny's activities during 2024/25.
- 1.2 The report provides an overview on the core activity for each of the Committee's and highlights any findings and/or future actions.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Section 14 of the Constitution requires the Council to appoint four Scrutiny Committees to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 2.2 The four Scrutiny Committees have delivered the following functions:
 - (1) reviewed and/or scrutinised decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
 - (2) made reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Cabinet in connection with the discharge of any functions;
 - (3) considered any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants;
 - (4) assisted the Council and the Cabinet with the development of future policies and strategies.
- 2.3 Each of the four Scrutiny Committees have conducted their proceedings in accordance with the Scrutiny Rules set out in Section 14 of the Constitution.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The attached provides an overview of the work completed by Members of the Scrutiny Committees during 2024/25, and reviews the impact of work completed.
- 3.2 Members are asked to note the report as required by the Council's Constitution.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 This report and the appendix have been prepared on behalf of the Scrutiny Committees with a view to informing Council of the Committee's undertaking of their statutory responsibilities.
- 4.2 There are no alternative options as Members are required to report to Council on an annual basis as determined in the Constitution.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

| Appendix No | Title |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Annual Scrutiny Report 2024/25 |

Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)

None