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To The Chair & Members of Full Council

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Annual Report highlights the progress of Doncaster Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, includes a summary of the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC), and its four Standing Panels and identifies priorities for Overview and Scrutiny for 2023/24.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Full Council is asked to receive and note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact on all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, making recommendations, monitoring performance arrangements, and reviewing wider partnership issues that have an impact on the residents of the city. This Annual Report highlights the progress, impacts and achievements of the Overview and Scrutiny function during 2022/23 and identifies priorities for 2023/24. The accountability of Overview and Scrutiny is improved by reporting its activities to Council.

BACKGROUND

5. Overview and Scrutiny provides an important role for non-Executive Councillors to provide checks and balances within the decision-making process as it enables them to: -
 - **Monitor the quality of service delivery** – by receiving performance and finance information and examining service outcomes.
 - **Review policy and contribute to its development** – by reviewing existing

policies or investigating issues of concern and putting forward proposals for improvement.

- **Consider issues of wider public concern** – by considering issues that impact on residents of the area but that may not necessarily be activities carried out exclusively by the Council, for example emergency services, the NHS and external companies and partners.
 - **Provide a critical friend and challenge role** – by providing Elected Members the opportunity to examine and question decisions taken or proposed to be taken by the Executive (Mayor and Cabinet) and to make recommendations.
6. During 2022/23, Overview and Scrutiny in Doncaster operated through an overarching Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC), and four Standing Panels, namely:
- Regeneration and Housing Panel;
 - Community and Environment Panel;
 - Health and Adult Social Care Panel; and
 - Children and Young People Panel.
7. They have considered a wide range of issues and this information is detailed in the attached report and also identifies priorities for 2023/24. In accordance with the Constitution this is required to be reported annually to Full Council.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. There are no alternative options; the Constitution requires Overview and Scrutiny to provide an Annual Report to Full Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

9. The Annual Report enhances the accountability of Overview and Scrutiny by allowing Council to review the work undertaken during the previous year and highlighting indicative issues for consideration during 2023/24. The Council's Constitution requires OSMC to take an annual report to Full Council.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

10. The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report will contribute to raising the profile of an effective Overview and Scrutiny function, which will, in turn contribute to achieving greater democratic renewal and increasing involvement in the decision-making process. It is essential that Overview and Scrutiny regularly review the extent to which its work impacts on the delivery of services. In this way Overview and Scrutiny has the potential to impact on all of the Council's key priorities.

Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 Tackling Climate Change				✓
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work				✓
 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs				✓
 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all				✓
 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs				✓
 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough				✓
 Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future				✓
 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities				✓
Fair & Inclusive				✓

This report provides an overview on the work programme from 2022/23 and an outline of priorities for 2023/24. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (NC 28/6/23)

11. Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 23(a) requires OSMC to take an Annual Report to Full Council and the Executive, giving such details of their work and proposed work as the Committee believes would assist the Full Council or the Executive. This report fulfills that obligation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (MS 13/6/23)

12. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES (SH 15/6/23)

13. There are no specific HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS (PW 13/06/23)

14. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

15. There are no risks and assumptions relevant to this report.

CONSULTATION

16. Overview and Scrutiny is in regular consultation with stakeholders (including Members, the public, officers and external bodies and partner organisations such as the NHS, in respect of its activities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Agendas and minutes of Overview and Scrutiny meetings 2022/23 have been used to assist the Annual Report.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- OSMC – Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
- H&ASC – Health and Adult Social Care
- CYP – Children and Young People
- R&H – Regeneration and Housing
- C&E – Communities and Environment
- C&DC – Crime and Disorder Committee
- SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- ICB – Integrated Care Board
- SENCo - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
- MIRB – Marking it Real Board
- NHS – National Health Service
- CCG - Clinical Commissioning Group
- ICB – Integrated Care Board

- ICS – Integrated Care System
- SLHD – St Leger Homes Doncaster
- ECHP – Education Care and Health Plan
- DCST – Doncaster Children’s Services Trust
- JSNA – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- DNA – Did Not Attend
- GP - General Practice
- NEET – Not in Education, Employment or Training
- CAMHS – Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- GDA - General Development Assessment
- VFM – Value For Money
- DWP – Department of Work and Pensions

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