City Council



Date of meeting: 22 March 2022

Title of Report: Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022

Lead Member: Councillor Chris Penberthy

Lead Strategic Director: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)

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Your Reference:

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report details the work Members have conducted on this municipal year and the challenges faced. Our Constitution summarises the purpose of the Council's scrutiny function as follows:

- add value to Council business and decision-making;
- hold the Cabinet to account;
- monitor the budget and performance of services;
- assist the Council in the development of policy and review the effectiveness of the implementation of Council policy;
- review relevant central government policy development and legislation to assess the impact on the City and make recommendations to Cabinet.

The last two years have presented a number of challenges to the Council's four scrutiny committees and the Scrutiny Management Board in delivering against their objectives.

Meetings of scrutiny committees and the Scrutiny Management Board have continued throughout the pandemic. A new administration took control of the Council in May and we welcomed three new scrutiny chairs. Scrutiny has adapted and used the new Corporate Plan as the basis of our scrutiny programme whilst being cognisant of continuing financial constraint and the impact of decision making on the lives of Plymouth's population and the environment.

We want to take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to the achievements that we have made this year. We know that behind the published results of our work, many hours of discussion, research and debate have taken place through the scrutiny function.

Recommendations and Reasons

That City Council note the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022

Alternative options considered and rejected

None

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Scrutiny Committees have considered the themes within the Corporate Plan/Plymouth Plan to ensure that proposals within the budget and business plans are delivered against the council vision.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None resulting from this report.

Financial Risks

None resulting from this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None resulting from this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None resulting from this report.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 18/03/2022

Scrutiny Chair Approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Vice Chair in the Chair of Scrutiny

Management Board)

Date approved: 18/03/2022