

Date of meeting:	22 March 2022
Title of Report:	<b>Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	
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### **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



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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											