

Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/2024

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report which summaries the work of the Scrutiny Committees during 2023/2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny throughout 2023/24 and the contribution it has made to the good governance of the Council and the delivery of the city's priorities. It also looks at the how the scrutiny function will continue to develop and the challenges it faces in the year ahead.

3. Operation of the Scrutiny Function

- 3.1 The Council's scrutiny function comprises one formal, overarching Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and three themed scrutiny committees; namely the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee, the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 Scrutiny ensures that decision-making processes are clear, accessible and accountable. It also has an important role in driving improvement in services delivered to the people of Sunderland.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The four Scrutiny Committees have delivered demanding, varied and interesting work programmes in 2023/24 with 2024/25 promising to be another challenging year.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Council is asked to receive the report on the operation of the scrutiny function for 2023/24.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24

