

# **SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**15 APRIL 2021**

## **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

### **REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve the scrutiny annual report 2020/21 that is to be presented to Council at a future date.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 As in previous municipal years the annual report will be a single combined report of all four scrutiny committees. The annual report will provide an overview of the scrutiny function by detailing the work and outcomes achieved during the last 12 months.

#### **3. Current position**

- 3.1 The proposed report is attached at appendix 1 for member's consideration. The report provides a brief overview of some of the main work undertaken by the committees during 2020/21. It should be noted that the report is written from the perspective of the respective Chair of the Committee reflecting over the year.
- 3.2 The annual report is divided into a number of chapters including:
  - Foreword
  - Scrutiny Arrangements
  - Individual Committee Pages
  - The Year Ahead
  - Scrutiny on a Page.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The scrutiny committees have delivered their work programmes against the backdrop of a global pandemic which has seen all aspects of life affected. The work programmes for 2020/21 were adapted to focus on the challenges and issues that Covid-19 brought to the country, Sunderland and its communities. The Scrutiny Committees have continued to work well with Council Directorates, stakeholders and partner organisations to deliver these work programmes and the committees have continued to develop relationships and work with officers and stakeholders in these most unique and difficult of times.

## **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members comment on the content and make final approval of the Annual Report 2020/21.

## **6. Glossary**

n/a

---

**Contact Officer:** Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer  
(0191) 561 1006  
[nigel.cummings@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.cummings@sunderland.gov.uk)