



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-24**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**22 APRIL 2024**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to present to members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee the draft Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report for the Municipal Year 2023-24 in accordance with the requirement of the Council's Constitution.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Review the draft report at Appendix 1 and determine whether the Annual Report forms a balanced summary of the work undertaken by the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees during 2023-24
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1, endorse the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2023-24 and its presentation to Council.
- 2.3 Authorise the Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications to consult with the Chairs of the respective thematic scrutiny committees to confirm the content of their individual Annual Reports before presentation to Council

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To ensure the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees have delivered against their respective forward Work Programmes (whilst still retaining a flexible approach as far as possible).

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report is a constitutional requirement and is reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to seek its endorsement in advance of final presentation to Council.
- 4.2 The Annual Scrutiny Report provides an opportunity to communicate the work the scrutiny committees have undertaken, reflect on any lessons learned to help guide future work and assist with the formulation of the forward work programmes in respect of any outstanding and ongoing work streams.
- 4.3 The report details a selection of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees during the 2023-24 Municipal Year and most importantly demonstrates the impact this has had.
- 4.4 In addition to the information contained within the scrutiny annual report, the reports, minutes and webcasting of the Overview and Scrutiny committees held during 2023-24 are available via the council's [website](#).

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 It is considered appropriate that Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to review the attached draft Annual Report to assess whether it represents an accurate reflection of the scrutiny activities during 2023-24 before it is presented to Council

#### **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Following consultation with the members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and subject to their endorsement of the Annual Report (and following consultation with the Chairs of the respective scrutiny committees) the report will be presented to Council

#### **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE**

## **WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 9.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report supports the arrangements to strengthen the Council's consideration and scrutiny of its work, through 'the lens of the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act'. these arrangements will be embedded into the business of the Council as set out in the Policy Statement agreed by Cabinet on 2 November 2016.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

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