



Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Agenda Item
18 March 2023	12

Title:	Draft O&S Committee Annual Report
Report of:	Anne Gardiner, Governance Manager & Statutory Scrutiny Officer
Lead Member:	Cllr Charlotte Cane
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	N/A
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of all Members

Recommendations:

A	Comment on the draft Annual Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2023/24 (Appendix 1) before it is submitted to the CA Board at its AGM on the 5 th June.
B	Approve the draft report subject to agreed changes.

Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
	Achieving good growth
	Increased connectivity
	Enabling resilient communities
	Achieving Best Value and High Performance

1. Purpose

1.1	The report requests that the Committee review the draft annual report (Appendix 1) and provide comment and suggestions before approving it to be presented to the CA Board at its AGM on the 5 th June.
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2. Proposal

2.1	It is considered good practice for Overview and Scrutiny Committee's to prepare an Annual report to be presented to the Combined Authority Board to inform them of work undertaken.
2.2	The Draft Annual Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee is a summary of the work carried out by the Committee over the municipal year 2023/24 and proposes work that may be carried out for the next municipal year. This should provide an opportunity for the CA Board to

	comment on the work of the O&S Committee and suggest any areas of work they feel the committee could add to their work programme for the 24/25 municipal year.
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3. Background

3.1	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been in operation since May 2017. The Committee met seven times during the 2023/24 municipal year.</p> <p>At the June Overview and Scrutiny meeting the members agreed to support the implementation of Option A of the new ways of working which created a new strategic focus for the Committee supported by informal planning meetings and the commissioning of deep dive reviews.</p>
3.2	<p>The Committee has held 6 informal meetings and has started work to implement the new ways of working with further work on the development of the Committee to be undertaken during the 24/25 municipal year.</p>

4. Appendices

4.1	Draft OSC Annual Report
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5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	There are no direct financial implications within this report.
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Legal Implications

6.1	<p>The importance and legitimacy that scrutiny is afforded by the law should be recognised. Overview and Scrutiny was created to act as a check and balance on the executive and is a statutory requirement for all combined authorities.</p> <p>Although the existence of the function is set out in legislation, how it operates and how it is structured is left to individual Local Authorities. This provides for a high degree of flexibility and the ability to consider different topics and issues in the most appropriate way.</p> <p>Where there is a culture of trust and respect between the Scrutiny function and the Executive, the Scrutiny function can attain and deploy a great deal of influence ultimately benefiting both the combined authority and the residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Whilst the Committee has a legal duty to provide robust challenge to decision-makers it can also offer support and assistance wherever it can to help the Combined Authority meet these challenges.</p>
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Public Health Implications

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Environmental & Climate Change Implications

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Other Significant Implications

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Background Papers

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