

South Lakeland District Council
Council
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Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19

Portfolio:	Cllr Vicky Hughes – Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Report from:	Debbie Storr - Monitoring Officer
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Wards:	All Wards
Forward Plan:	Not applicable

1.0 Expected Outcome

1.1 Members will gain an understanding of the work that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken and the value it has added to the work of the Council during 2018/19. The report also sets out the work planned for 2019/20.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that Council receives the Scrutiny Annual report 2018/19, as attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Article 6 (Overview and Scrutiny) of the Council's Constitution requires that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports annually to Council on its work, with recommendations for its future work programme and any amended working methods if appropriate.

3.2 The Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 looks back at the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the past twelve months, as well as providing a brief look forward to the year ahead. The report demonstrates that effective scrutiny is taking place, in line with good governance, but, as in previous years, more precise timetabling of reviews would be beneficial in ensuring resources can be allocated to ensure that the work programme can be completed on time.

3.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report at its meeting on Friday 26 April 2019. Following that meeting, the annual report has been finalised in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and circulated to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report has been produced in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report on Friday 26 April 2019.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Council's Constitution to produce an annual report. There are no alternative options.

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

6.1 The Committee's broad remit and varied work programme means that its work supports all of the priorities and targets set out within the current Council Plan.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 There are no direct financial implications linked to this report. The work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny needs to provide value for money and make the best use of available resources.

Human Resources

7.2 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

Legal

7.3 There is a legal requirement for local authorities that operate executive arrangements to operate an effective overview and scrutiny committee. The committee needs to be effective in its role.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This is a look back at the work of the committee over the past 12 months. Individual HSEE assessments are undertaken in relation to any policies that are prepared arising out of the work of the committee.

Equality and Diversity

7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This is a look back at the past 12 months. Equality issues are considered when each policy is prepared.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
An annual report is not prepared.	Failure to maintain constitutional requirements. The opportunity to consider and promote the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is lost.	A comprehensive and timely annual report is produced and presented to Council.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19

Background Documents Available

None

Tracking Information

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Legal Services	Report author
Section 151 Officer	30 April 2019
Monitoring Officer	30 April 2019
SMT	Draft reported 11 April 2019

Circulated to	Date sent
Assistant Director	N/A
Human Resources Manager	N/A
Communications Team	N/A
Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	30 April 2019
Portfolio Holder	N/A
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	30 April 2019
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	21 May 2019