

Report to:

COUNCIL

Relevant Officer:

Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

Relevant Member:

Councillor Maxine Callow, Lead Scrutiny Member

Date of Meeting:

22 June 2022

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/2022.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To receive the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022 and to ask the Scrutiny Lead Member or other members of the Scrutiny Leadership Board questions relating to the report and the scrutiny function.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report sets out the achievements of scrutiny at the Council during the 2021/2022 Municipal Year and identifies areas for future development.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool
- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

6.0 Background information

6.1 The Scrutiny Lead Member and Chair of the Scrutiny Leadership Board, Councillor Mrs Callow will present the Scrutiny Annual Report to Council. The annual report highlights the work undertaken during the Municipal Year 2021/2022 and identifies areas for future development.

6.2 The annual report builds on the previous reports provided to Council by Councillor Mrs Callow and forms part of the reporting arrangements identified through the North West Employer's review carried out into scrutiny in 2018.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 6(a): Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None associated with this report.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 There is no legal requirement to have an annual report, although it is considered best practice in the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None associated with this report.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None associated with this report.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None associated with this report.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 The Scrutiny Leadership Board has had the opportunity to comment on the report and approved the report for consideration by Council.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.