

Divisions Affected – All

COUNTY COUNCIL

30 June 2026

Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/26

Report by Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to
 - i) Receive and note the Scrutiny Annual Report.

Executive Summary

2. This report invites the Council to consider the Scrutiny Annual Report and formally receive it.

Background

3. Within the Council's Constitution at Part 6.2 paragraph 4 (ix) the scrutiny committees may report annually to full Council on their work. This is given effect through a Scrutiny Annual Report, which is attached to this report as Annex 1. A separate Annual Report for the Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is presented as a separate item to Council, elsewhere on this agenda.

Financial Implications

4. There are no financial implications associated with the formal receipt of the Scrutiny Annual Report.

Comments checked by: Bick Nguyen-McBride, Finance Business Partner

Legal Implications

5. The Local Government Act 2000 introduced a new political governance system for local councils following an “executive arrangement” in England and Wales. The Council follows an executive arrangement as it has a Leader and Cabinet system of governance, therefore at least one overview and scrutiny committee must be established (section 9(F)(1))
6. The legislative provisions for overview and scrutiny committees for England are set out in the Localism Act 2011.
7. The powers set out in the Local Government Act 2000 include the power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive and in connection with those powers to make reports or recommendations to the authority.
8. Part 6.2 paragraph 4(ix) of the Council’s constitution provides scrutiny committees with the ability to “report annually to full Council on their work and make recommendations for future work programmes as appropriate.”

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Annex: Annex 1 – Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/26

Background papers: None

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