

Divisions Affected – All

OXFORDSHIRE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

06 JUNE 2024

Draft HOSC Annual Report 2023/24

Report by Director of Law and Governance

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Committee is RECOMMENDED to: -

1.1 Note the requirement for the Committee to produce an annual report

1.2 Approve the wording of the annual report, annexed to this report in draft, subject to any required amendments of the Committee

1.3 Delegate authority to the Principal Scrutiny Officer:

1.3.1 for the design of the final report,

1.3.2 to make minor updates or amendments as required, in consultation with the Chair and the Health Scrutiny Officer,

1.3.3 for publication of the final report

Executive Summary

2. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is under a constitutional duty to prepare an annual report. This paper seeks to obtain agreement from the Committee on the content and wording of the draft annual report, which is annexed to this report, subject to any amendments that may be required.

Background

3. Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Regulation 28(1) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council has a duty to “review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health services in its area”.

4. As part of this overarching duty it has a duty, enshrined in the Council's Constitution, to report on its activity over the preceding year. The Committee complies with it by producing an annual report on its activity over the preceding year
5. The Constitution specifies in Part 6.1B s 23 that this report is to be produced each year. The aim is to publish this year's annual report in the agenda papers for the Council meeting on 09 July 2024.

Corporate Priorities

6. Improving health and wellbeing of residents and reducing health inequalities are stated ambitions within the Council's Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report and it is expected that any additional costs relating to co-optees or advisors can be met within existing budgets.

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Legal Implications

8. Part 6.1B, s. 23 of the Council's constitution states that:

The Committee shall produce in April each year a report for the Appointing Authorities on its activities during the preceding year. That report shall also be published to health bodies and the public.

The Committee is currently not compliant with this requirement and should take steps to publish its Annual Report as soon as practicable.

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Staff Implications

9. None arising from this report.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

10. None arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications

11. None arising from this report.

Risk Management

12. If Members do not agree to sign off the report, the draft will have to be considered at the next HOSC meeting, meaning further delay to its publication.

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Annex: 1. Draft Annual Report

Background papers: None

Other Documents: None

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