

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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| Committee: | Policy and Resources Select Committee |
| Date: | 25 June 2021 |
| Title: | Scrutiny Annual Report |
| Report From: | Chief Executive |

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the work of each of the Select Committees over the past year.

Recommendation

2. That the Policy and Resources Select Committee approves the attached summary of the work of each of the Select Committees over the past year, for submission to County Council as the Scrutiny Annual Report.

Contextual Information

3. Under the Hampshire County Council Constitution, it is the role of the Policy and Resources Select Committee to submit an annual report on the work of the scrutiny function to County Council.
4. Attached is a summary of the work of the following Select Committees covering the period April 2020 to March 2021; Children and Young People Select Committee, Culture and Communities Select Committee, Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee and the Policy and Resources Select Committee.
5. The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports to Full Council separately.
6. The summary for each Select Committee has been agreed by the respective Chairman.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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| Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity: | No |
| People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives: | No |
| People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment: | No |
| People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities: | No |

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| This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: This is not a decision report. An annual report of the scrutiny function is a requirement of the Constitution. |

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This report is a review of activity over the past year; it is not making any proposals, therefore an impact assessment is not relevant.

3. Climate Change Assessment:

This report is a review of activity over the past year: it is not making any proposals, therefore there is no impact on Climate Change.