

# Scrutiny Report



## Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

### Part 1

Date: May 2024

### Subject Scrutiny Annual Report 2023-24

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Leanne Rowlands	Democratic and Electoral Services Manager

## Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

### 1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked

- 1.1 To consider the draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23
- 1.2 To agree for the Scrutiny Annual Report to be submitted to Council for approval.
- 1.3 To determine whether it wishes to make any comments and recommendations.

### 2 Context

#### Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Committees are required by the constitution to submit an Annual Report each year to Council, to review how Overview and Scrutiny has operated in the last 12 months.
- 2.2 The Annual Report is a key part of the performance management cycle for Scrutiny. It is difficult to measure the impact of Scrutiny using traditional performance measures. The Annual Report is a more useful tool in reviewing the effectiveness of scrutiny, providing an opportunity to reflect properly on how scrutiny has operated within the last year, and identify upcoming challenges against which future performance can be measured.

- 2.3 As well as providing a commentary on scrutiny activity in the past year, the report is structured to review performance on the targets set and agree priorities for the next 12 months (which will be used as the basis of our performance review next year).
- 2.4 The Scrutiny Annual Report will be submitted to the Council for approval.

### 3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 Attached at **Appendix 1** is the Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24.

## 4. Suggested Areas of Focus

### 4.1 Role of the Committee

<p><b>The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider if the attached report provides an accurate summary of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees over the last 12 months.</li> <li>• Consider the actions for 2024/25.</li> <li>• Agree for the Scrutiny Annual Report to be submitted to Council for approval.</li> <li>• Determine whether it wishes to make any comments and recommendations.</li> </ul>
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### 4.2 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

5 Ways of Working	Types of Questions to consider:
<p><b>Long-term</b></p> <p>The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	What consideration have you given to the long term trends that could affect your proposal or; how could your proposal impact these trends?
	How will the needs of your service users potentially change in the future?
<p><b>Prevention</b></p> <p>Prevent problems occurring or getting worse.</p>	What is the objective (or the desired outcome) of this proposal?
	How are you addressing these issues to prevent a future problem?
	How have the decisions, so far, come about? What alternatives were considered?
<p><b>Integration</b></p>	Are there any other organisations providing similar / complementary services?

Considering how public bodies' wellbeing objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.	Have you consulted with the health board, third sector, emergency services, businesses and anyone else you think might be impacted?
	What practical steps will you take to integrate your project with existing plans and strategies of other public organisations to help us all contribute fully to the seven national well-being goals?
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Collaboration</b></p> <p>Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the organisation itself).</p>	Who have you been working with? Why? Who have you collaborated with in finding out more about this problem and potential solutions?
	How are you co-working with other sectors?
	How are you using the knowledge / information / good practice of others to inform / influence the Council's work?
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Involvement</b></p> <p>The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.</p>	How have you involved the people who are being impacted by this decision?
	How have you taken into account the diverse communities in your decision making?
	How have you used different / alternative methods to reach people and involve them?
	How will you communicate the outcome of your decision?

## Section B – Supporting Information

### 5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

Well-being Objective	1 – Economy, Education and Skills	2 – Newport's Environment and Infrastructure	3 – Preventative and Equitable Community and Social Care	4 – An Inclusive, Fair and Sustainable Council
<b>Aims:</b>	Newport is a thriving and growing city that offers excellent education and aspires to provide opportunities for all.	A city that seeks to protect and enhance our environment whilst reducing our carbon footprint and preparing for a sustainable and digital future.	Newport is a supportive city where communities and care are at the heart of what we do.	Newport City Council is an inclusive organisation that places social value, fairness and sustainability at its core.

5.1 This report demonstrates that Scrutiny has an important role in helping the Council to achieve its expressed aims under the Corporate Plan 2022-2027 in place during the reporting period.

## 7. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan 2022-27](#)
- [Newport City Council - Committee details - Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee](#)
- [Newport City Council - Committee details - Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships](#)
- [Newport City Council - Committee details - Performance Scrutiny Committee - People](#)
- [Newport City Council - Committee details - Performance Scrutiny Committee - Place and Corporate](#)

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