



**EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT COVER SHEET**

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Chair's Annual Report 2022/23- Scrutiny Environment, Health & Well-Being	To be marked with an 'X' by Democratic Services after report has been presented
<b>Meeting of:</b>	Corporate Management Team: <b>N/A</b>	
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	Council: <b>20th March 2023</b>	
	Audit Committee / Scrutiny (Community Regeneration) Committee / Scrutiny (Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee / Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee: <b>N/A</b>	



Is this an Executive Decision:	NO	Is this a Key Decision:	NO
Is this in the Forward Plan:	NO	Is the Report Confidential:	NO
If so, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972:	N/A		

**Essential Signatories:**

**ALL REPORTS MUST BE IN THE NAME OF A HEAD OF SERVICE**

Monitoring Officer: **John Teasdale**

Date ..... Signature .....

Chief Finance Officer: **Sal Khan**

Date ..... Signature .....

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**Report to Council**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Leader of the Council
<b>HEAD OF SERVICE:</b>	Chief Executive
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Michael Hovers Ext. No. 1776
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Non-specific

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To provide a summary of the Scrutiny activities undertaken by the Scrutiny (Environment, Health & Well-Being) Committee during 2022/23.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. The Council's Scrutiny Committees discharge the overview and scrutiny function under Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 2.2. The Committees are tasked with:
- Reviewing and/or scrutinising decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
  - Reviewing and scrutinising the performance of the Council;
  - Serving as consultees in relation to executive decisions and key elements of service plans when required; and
  - Producing progress reports and recommendations to the Executive arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process or refer to the Executive entire reports produced as a result of the scrutiny process. However it is the decision of the Executive whether or not such a report is subsequently submitted to Full Council.

- 2.3 In December 2021 the Council, having carried out a review of the Council's arrangements, agreed a number of enhancements to committee structures and membership. In particular it was agreed to strengthen the Council's overview and scrutiny function by creating a standalone Audit Committee and increasing the number of scrutiny Committees to three, aligned with the Corporate Plan priorities. It was also agreed that the membership of the scrutiny committees be revised to 8 members. These changes were implemented with effect from May 2022.

### **3. Contribution to Corporate Priorities**

- 3.1. This report can contribute to all priorities to some degree (depending on the subject matter of the scrutiny review in question); however the remit of this particular Scrutiny Committee is to consider services within the corporate priority area of "Environment, Health & Well-being".

### **4. Committee Activities**

#### **Scrutiny Work**

- 4.1 Within 2022/23 the committee has completed a detailed review of the Council's Homelessness services which had a particular focus on the support given to those that are considered to be rough sleeping. Having heard from a number internal and external stakeholders and looked at local practice, the committee centred their recommendations on the training of staff to ensure that support for vulnerable people can be instigated "upstream" and the re-establishment of the Homelessness Partnership. Whilst the service was well regarded (evidenced by the external funding that has been attracted) the committee heard how operationally difficult it is to track and identify those that are sleeping rough.
- 4.2 Towards the end of 2022/23 the committee will complete a review into the White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) which explores the benefits of ESBC becoming a fully accredited organisation. This review has not only examined the requirements of joining the WRC, but has sparked a wider debate amongst the group about respect and the fair treatment of councillors, staff and members of the public.
- 4.3 Running parallel to the WRC review has been a smaller piece of work that relates to re-cycling and the techniques used to promote these to the public. This review is a spin-off of the Combined Waste Management report presented to Cabinet in April 2022.
- 4.4 To conclude the year, the committee are to speak with the Managing Director of the University Hospital of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust and also hear from representatives of Beat the Cold.

#### **General Scrutiny Responsibilities**

- 4.4 There has been ongoing scrutiny of the quarterly Corporate Plan Performance Reports and Executive Decision Records (EDR) as in previous years. In

addition, the Committee also receive updates at each meeting on the activities of the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview Committee via Cllr Philip Atkins and/or the chair. At the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023, the group heard from a Mr Hussain who was seeking a review of a full Council decision relating to a petition that opposed amendments to the Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit: **Lisa Turner***

- 5.1. There are no financial issues arising from this Report.

## **6. Risk Assessment and Management**

- 6.1. The main risks to this Report and the Council achieving its objectives are as follows:

6.1.1. **Positive** (Opportunities/Benefits):

6.1.1.1. None identified

6.1.2. **Negative** (Threats):

6.1.2.1. None identified

- 6.2. The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

## **7. Legal Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team: **John Teasdale***

- 7.1. There are no significant legal issues arising from this Report.

## **8. Equalities and Health**

- 8.1. **Equality Impacts:** The subject of this Report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

- 8.2. **Health Impacts:** The outcome of the health screening question does not require a full Health Impact Assessment to be completed. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

**9. Data Protection Implications – Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)**

10.1. A DPIA must be completed where there are plans to:

- use systematic and extensive profiling with significant effects;
- process special category or criminal offence data on a large scale; or
- systematically monitor publicly accessible places on a large scale
- use new technologies;
- use profiling or special category data to decide on access to services;
- profile individuals on a large scale;
- process biometric data;
- process genetic data;
- match data or combine datasets from different sources;
- collect personal data from a source other than the individual without providing them with a privacy notice ('invisible processing');
- track individuals' location or behaviour;
- profile children or target marketing or online services at them; or
- process data that might endanger the individual's physical health or safety in the event of a security breach

10.2 Following consideration of the above, there are no Data Protection implications arising from this report which would require a DPIA.

**10. Human Rights**

10.1. There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

**11. Sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures)**

11.1. Does the proposal result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures) **N/A**

**12. Recommendation(s)**

12.1. To note the report







