

**Eden District Council
Council**

30 July 2020

Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020

Report from:	Chairman of the former Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board
Wards:	All Wards
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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the achievements of the Council's Scrutiny Board and Committees during the 2019-2020 Council year.

2 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council note the Annual Report.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 This is the fourteenth annual report of Scrutiny in Eden and described the activities that the Scrutiny Board and Committees have been involved in during 2019-2020.
- 3.2 The report highlights scrutiny work that has been undertaken during scrutiny meetings such as receiving updates, gathering information and engaging in a Scrutiny Reviews.
- 3.3 The Annual report can be found at Appendix 1.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Sustainable;
 - Healthy, safe and secure;
 - Connected; and
 - Creative
- 4.2 This report meets sustainable corporate priority

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The draft version of this report went to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 June 2020, where Members were given the opportunity to comment on the draft report.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023 as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.

6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution states that Scrutiny may report annually to full Council on their work.

6.3 Human Resources

6.3.1 There are no direct Human Resource implications associated with this report. The Council does not have a dedicated Scrutiny officer and Scrutiny work is carried out by the Member Services officers against other priorities in the Member Services team.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	None arising from this report. Equalities implications are considered as part of each Scrutiny review undertaken by the Council before making any recommendations.
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	None arising from this report
Crime and Disorder	The Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee acts as the Councils' designated Crime and Disorder Panel and will sit as this Panel twice per year to consider crime and disorder related issues.
Children and Safeguarding	None arising from this report

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Reputational risk – scrutiny has an important role in enhancing public transparency in democratic decision making, it is important that Scrutiny seeks to engage with the public.	Failure to carry out scrutiny reviews and consult with the public may have a detrimental impact on the Council's reputation.	Scrutiny carries out an annual public consultation exercise to gain suggestions about possible scrutiny reviews and also seeks public opinions when undertaking reviews.
Legal – the Council has a legal duty to appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee.	Failure to appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee may result in legal challenge.	The Council has three Scrutiny bodies and has agreed to change the existing structure for the municipal year 2020–2021. From May

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
		2020 there will be one Overview and Scrutiny Committee and one Budget Scrutiny and Planning Committee.

7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options have been considered.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 In order to enable Scrutiny to make an annual report on its activities to Council.

Background Papers: **None**

Appendices: **Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020**

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