

Barrow Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday 24 March, 2022
Council
Wednesday 18 May, 2022
Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2021/2022

Report from: Democratic Services Manager

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Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 The report presents the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/2022.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approve the Annual Report for 2021/2022 attached at Appendix 1, for referral to Full Council, subject to any relevant updates following this meeting.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Article 6.03 (d) – Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council’s Constitution states that the Overview and scrutiny Committee must report annually to Full Council on its workings and make recommendations for the future work programme and amended working methods if appropriate.

3.2 The Annual Report for 2021/2022 looks back at the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the previous 12 months, as well as looking ahead into 2022/2023.

3.3 It is anticipated that, subject to the approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Annual Report will be presented to Council at its Annual Meeting on 18th May, 2022. As the Work Programme for 2022/2023 is the subject of an

Agenda Item at today's meeting, details of the Work Programme once agreed will be added to the Annual Report prior to its submission to Full Council.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The Annual Report has been produced in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Council's Constitution to produce an Annual Report. Members could choose to amend the content of the report prior to its consideration by Council on 18th May, 2022.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee seeks to exercise its function so as to consider, challenge and add value to the Council's approach to delivering the priorities and targets set out in the Council Plan

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1.1 There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report. The work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needs to provide value for money and make the best use of available resources.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 In order to ensure that the work of the Committee adds value to the work of the Council and underpins the Council Plan priorities, it is important that the Committee is effective in its role.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 There are no implications on Local Government Reorganisation arising from this report.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis?

No – The report has no direct Equality and Diversity implications.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
An Annual Report is not produced.	Failure to maintain constitutional requirements. The opportunity to consider	.A comprehensive and timely Annual Report is produced.

	and promote the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is lost.	
The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme does not address the Council's delivery of priorities and targets in the Council Plan	Absence of challenge and overview of the Council progress in meeting the Council's priorities.	The Annual Report and Work Programme are utilised to focus the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/2022

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
N/A	N/A