

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-2023

Head of Service:	Andrew Bircher, Interim Director of Corporate Services
Wards affected:	(All Wards)
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Annual Report 2022-2023

Summary

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2022-2023 in accordance with the requirement of Paragraph 7.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Council's Operating Framework.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2022-2023 (Appendix 1).**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Paragraph 7.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Council's Operating Framework requires the Audit and Scrutiny Committee to report annually to the Full Council on its workings, recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.¹
- 1.2 This report presents Council with the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2022-2023. The recommendation asks Council to receive the report.

2 Background

¹ See Paragraph 7.2 of Annex 4.6: Overview Audit and Scrutiny, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Operating Framework, p.3. Online available: <https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/council/about-council/governance/Annex%204-6%20-%20Overview%20Audit%20and%20Scrutiny.pdf>

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- 2.1 The Audit and Scrutiny Committee approved its Annual Report 2022-2023 (Appendix 1) at its meeting on 6 April 2023. The report presents an overview of the work undertaken by the Committee between April 2022 and March 2023.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None for the purposes of this report.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None for the purposes of this report.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None for the purposes of this report.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None for the purposes of this report.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None for the purposes of this report.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

Effective Council – Engaging, responsive and resilient Council.

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

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- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** No specific implications.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** No specific implications.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** No specific implications.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous report:

- Annual Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee, 6 April 2023, Audit and Scrutiny Committee. Online available: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/documents/s26998/Committee%20Annual%20Report%202022-2023.pdf> [Last accessed 19/05/2023].