

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2023-2024

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee 2023-2024

Summary

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 (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.
- 1.2 This report presents Council with the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2023-2024. The recommendation asks Council to receive the report.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Audit and Scrutiny Committee approved its Annual Report 2023-2024 (Appendix 1) at its meeting on 28 March 2024. The report presents an overview of the work undertaken by the Committee between April 2023 and February 2024.

3 Risk Assessment

Council

30 July 2024

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.

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 reports:

- Annual Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee 2022-2023, 25 July 2023, Council. Online available: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=146&MId=1482> [last accessed 15/07/2024].