

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2024-2025

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025

Summary

In accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, by reason of special circumstances, the Mayor is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 (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 2024-2025. The recommendation asks Council to receive the report.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Audit and Scrutiny Committee approved its Annual Report 2024-2025 (Appendix 1) at its meeting on 27 March 2025. The report presents an overview of the work undertaken by the Committee between March 2024 and February 2025.

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

- 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.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** 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 2024-2025, 27 March 2025, Audit & Scrutiny Committee. Online available: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?Ild=13551&Opt=3> [last accessed 15/07/2025].
- Annual Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee 2023-2024, 30 July 2024, Full Council. Online available: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?Ild=12768&Opt=3> [last accessed 15/07/2025].