

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Scrutiny Reviews1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. This is in accordance with all of the Council's priorities.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to NOTE the report.

3. Detail

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the Council Working Group presented its report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 July 2024. The Working Group is Chaired by Councillor S Dannheimer. The topic was considered to be a long-term scrutiny review as the report covered a wide area of the Council. The next topic will consider play parks in the Borough. The Group will be looking at the facilities available including accessible/inclusive play equipment and infrastructure. Housing will also continue to be reviewed as part of this topic to assess how the buildings could be accommodated to meets the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and consider where reasonable adjustments have been met.

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were updated on the improvements to the Housing Repairs Service from the Head of Housing. Members were pleased that the service had improved since the review in 2022. The Chair requested a further spotlight Review in six months to monitor improvements.

Cabinet will receive updates at each future meeting as to the progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme as contained in the attached **Appendix** and is asked to give consideration to the future programme and decision-making with knowledge of the forthcoming scrutiny agenda. It also enables Cabinet to suggest topics for future scrutiny.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

As contained within the report.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no legal implications arising from the report.

8. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not Required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.