

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Scrutiny Reviews

1. 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 28 November 2024. Members considered the request from the Chair of the Licensing Committee to give thought to the GamCare recommendations.

A spotlight review on Markets Across the Borough was presented to the Members. This was an update from the recommendations presented to Cabinet on 3 October 2023.

The Equality, Inclusivity and Diversity Working Group presented their findings of Parks Across the Borough along with their recommendations. This report will be presented to Cabinet on 7 January 2024.

The Head of Finance Services provided an early opportunity to scrutinise and input into the Council's annual budget setting process, in particular with regards to the Business Strategy and the approach to the setting of fees and charges for 2025/26.

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. The work programme 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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

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.