**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

| Annual Scrutiny Report 2024/25 |

1.    Purpose of Report

The Committee is asked to review the Annual Scrutiny Report 2024/25 and to recommend the Report to be forwarded to Council.

**2.    Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that Council NOTES the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Scrutiny Report for 2024/25.**

3.    Detail

The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report reflects on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2024/25 and looks forward to Overview and Scrutiny activity in 2025/26 (**Appendix** attached). The report is a summary of Overview and Scrutiny over the last year and the positive impacts secured on the Council's policy, and service delivery. Information has been provided when approval was required from the Chair of the Committee to add items to the forward plan that had missed the published deadline and were key decisions or exempt in line with the Council's Constitution.

4.    Financial Implications.

The comments from the Assistant Director of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.    Legal Implications

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

Whilst there are no direct legal implications arising from this report under Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to make reports or recommendations to Cabinet on matters which affect the Council's area or the inhabitant of its area.

6.    Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7.    Union Comments

Not applicable.

8.    <u>Climate Change Implications</u>

   The climate change implications are contained within the report.

9.    <u>Data Protection Compliance Implications</u>

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

10.    <u>Equality Impact Assessment</u>

    Not required.

11.    <u>Background Papers</u>

    Nil.