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To: Scrutiny Committee
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Ward(s) Affected: All
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Title: Scrutiny Committee Draft Annual Report 2020-21

Summary:

A Draft Annual Report 2020-21 is provided for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Recommendations:

- i. To approve the Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020-21.**
- ii. To make any comments or suggestions as to how the format of the Committee's Annual Report could be improved for future years.**

Reasons for recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is required, under Article 6 of the Constitution, to prepare an Annual Report reviewing its work during the previous municipal year.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Article 6 of the Constitution requires the Scrutiny Committee to prepare an annual report which should review its work during the previous municipal year.
- 1.2 In the 2020-21 municipal year the Scrutiny Committee met on 6 occasions, less than usual due to the coronavirus pandemic which halted meetings of all Committees until summer 2020, when remote meetings were introduced by Democratic Services.

2. The Report

- 2.1 A draft Annual Report 2020-21 is attached at Appendix A. This has been drafted by the 2020-21 Chair of the Committee and the Democratic Services Officer for the Committee's consideration. The Committee has considered a number of items in 2020-21, despite the delay in resuming its meetings due to Covid-19.

2.2 The report includes:

- An introduction from the 2020-21 Chair
- A summary of the membership, role and work of the committee; and
- An appendix comprising a retrospective work programme and summary of decisions for 2020-21.

2.3 The Committee is asked to consider any amendments and approve the report.

3. Alternative Options Considered

None.

4. Implications

4.1 Legal Implications

Effective Scrutiny arrangements form part of the governance framework of the Council.

4.2 Financial Implications

Travel expenses may be incurred for Councillors attending meetings.

4.3 Policy and Risk Implications

Not applicable.

4.4 Corporate Plan Implications

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out long term plans to make Selby District a great place to do business, enjoy life, make a difference, supported by the Council delivering great value. An effective scrutiny function is essential to fair and transparent decision making, which underpins the work of the Council.

4.5 Resource Implications

Not applicable.

4.6 Other Implications

Not applicable.

4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The Committee is asked to approve the Draft Annual Report 2020-21 to comply with the requirement of Article 6 of the Constitution.

6. Background Documents

None.

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Scrutiny Committee Draft Annual Report 2020-21

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