



Combined Authority Board

5 June 2024 - Ordinary Meeting

Title:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2023/24
Report of:	Edwina Adefehinti, Director Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	Note the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Appendix A).
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Strategic Objective(s):

It is considered good practice for Overview and Scrutiny Committees to prepare an Annual Report to be presented to the Combined Authority to inform them of the work undertaken.

A well-run Overview and Scrutiny Committee will strongly support the Combined Authority in all its strategic objectives as outlined below.

	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
	Achieving good growth
	Increased connectivity
	Enabling resilient communities
	Achieving Best Value and High Performance

1. Purpose

1.1	The report requests that the Board note and provides feedback on the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which is the work carried out by the Committee over the municipal year 2023/24. (Appendix A.)
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2. Proposal

2.1	The Annual Report for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee provides an opportunity for the Board to review the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from the past year and to discuss any areas that Overview and Scrutiny may wish to focus on for the next municipal year.
2.2	A well-run Overview and Scrutiny Committee will strongly support the Combined Authority in all its strategic objectives as outlined above and a review of work undertaken from the previous year will help to inform future work areas.

3. Background

3.1	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been in operation since May 2017. The Committee met seven times during the 2023/24 municipal year. The Committee also introduced informal meetings this year to review corporate KPIs, the Forward Plan, Performance and Major Project dashboards to identify work programme focus; the Committee met informally three times. The Committee provides independent challenge and acts as a critical friend for the Combined Authority Board and the Mayor in their decision making.
3.2	This Annual Report is a summary of the work Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) has done this year, what has worked well and what issues need further concentration next year.

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report
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5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	None
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Legal Implications

5.2	None
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Public Health Implications

5.3	None
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Environmental & Climate Change Implications

5.4	None
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Other Significant Implications

5.5	None
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Background Papers

5.6	Overview and Scrutiny Report and Minutes – 18 March 2024
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