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REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
DATE:	3 NOVEMBER 2020
SUBJECT:	DRAFT ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2019 - 2020
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	N/A
REPORT AUTHOR:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

It is common practice for local authorities to develop an annual report on the overview and scrutiny activity it has undertaken throughout the previous municipal year.

A draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019/20 has therefore been produced for Boston Borough Council and is attached at Appendix A of this report for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be recommended to full Council that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019/20 be approved for publication.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To promote and highlight the success of the work undertaken by the overview and scrutiny committees in 2019/20.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

To amend the content or format of the current draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

Not to produce an Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

REPORT

1. Background

- 1.1 The production of an Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report provides Boston Borough Council with an ideal opportunity to showcase and highlight the important scrutiny work that has taken place throughout the previous municipal year.
- 1.2 A draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019/20 has been produced to evidence the volume of scrutiny activity undertaken during the year, identify outcomes achieved and public participation in large scale reviews.
- 1.3 The draft report is attached as Appendix A to this report, and provides information on the following: -
 - The Council's overview and scrutiny function;
 - Work programmes for the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
 - Review work undertaken by Task & Finish Groups;
 - Call In function
- 1.4 2019/20 was a particularly productive year with Scrutiny members addressing a number of important issues via Inquiry evenings, Member briefings, Working Group and Task and Finish Group reviews and a Call-In of a Cabinet decision.
- 1.5 The draft Annual Report has already been considered by the Corporate and Community committee at its meeting on the Environment and Performance Committee on 15th October 2020 at which it agreed the recommendation that Full Council approve the report for publication.
- 1.6 If approved by Full Council, the Annual Report will be published on Boston Borough Council's website.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019/20 is attached to this report for consideration by the Corporate and Community Committee.
- 2.2 The purpose of the report is to promote the overview and scrutiny process and highlight the valuable contributions that Non-Executive Councillors were able to make in 2019/20, particularly in their capacity as members of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

None.

EQUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONSULTATION

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APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A	Annual Scrutiny Report 2019 – 2020
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

None.