

Harborough District Council

Report to the Council Meeting of 27 February 2023



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Appendices:	

Scrutiny Review

Extensive consultation with the Scrutiny Commission, Performance and Communities Scrutiny Panel members has taken place in relation to the Scrutiny Review, however given that it is accepted that the Council needs to review its governance arrangements, I was informed that it is no longer appropriate to continue with the scrutiny review in isolation. The review of the scrutiny function will now be incorporated into the wider review of the Council's governance arrangements.

The Council's constitution is being reviewed by the Monitoring Officer in conjunction with the members of the Constitutional Review Committee. These changes are not being considered by a Scrutiny Panel. Members will need to ensure that their comments are noted at the Constitutional Review Committee on the 26 April 2023.

The views expressed by Councillors previously will be taken into account during this process.

Meetings

Since the last meeting of Council, meetings of the Performance Scrutiny Panel have taken place on the 19 January 2023 and meetings of the Communities Scrutiny Panel have taken place on the 15 December 2022 and 16th February 2023.

All minutes and actions from the Panels can be found on the Harborough District Council website once approved at the following meeting.

Communities Scrutiny

15 December 2022

The meeting considered the following items:

- Scrutiny Review
- Development Management Services Update



16 February 2022

The meeting considered the following items:

- Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Armed Forces Covenant Report

Performance Scrutiny Panel – 19th January 2023

The meeting considered the following items:

- Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 Report
- Performance, Quarter 2, 222/23 Year Report
- Revenue and Capital Monitoring Report, Quarter 2, 2022/23
- Draft Budget 2023-24 & Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2024/25 to 2027/28)

Forthcoming meetings

Looking forward, the following items are due to be considered at the upcoming Scrutiny meetings:

Performance Scrutiny Panel

Meeting Date: 23 March 2023	
Subject	Scope/Purpose
Quarterly Financial Performance Q3 : outturn	To review the Council's financial performance in the third quarter of the 2022/23 year.
Performance, End of Quarter 3 2022/23	To review the Council's performance against objectives in the third quarter of the 2022/23 year.
Community Safety Partnership Three year Plan 2023-2026 and Annual Action Plan review 2022/23	To review the Harborough District Three Year Community Safety Plan 2023-2026
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	To receive details of instances when RIPA provisions have been invoked.

Communities Scrutiny Panel

Meeting Date: 27 April 2023	
Subject	Scope/Purpose
Playing Pitch Strategy	To review the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy

The next and last Scrutiny Commission meeting is being held on the 30th March 2023.

I would like to thank all the Officers, Members and Panel Chairs for their input and all their support over the previous years.