

<b>Scrutiny Committee:</b>	Overview & Scrutiny Board (OSB)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	03 August 2020
<b>Subject:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020
<b>Report Author:</b>	Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

## Purpose

1. To report the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Board for 2018-19.

## Recommendations

2. That Board is recommended to:
  - (i) Agree the content of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report, 2019/2020 as set out at Appendix A for submission to the Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
  - (ii) Delegate authority to the Democracy and Scrutiny Manager to make amendments deemed necessary before final publication and submission to Council meeting.

## Report

3. The scrutiny arrangements comprise of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and four sub-committees namely: Overview and Scrutiny Board; Children Services Review Group; Finance Review Group and the Health and Social Care Review Group. Each sub-committees have specific responsibilities in terms of holding the Council's Executive, external partners and providers of services in Luton to account.
4. The Overview and Scrutiny Board provide an overarching function which oversees and scrutinise any matters relating to general services for Luton residents not otherwise covered by any of the other scrutiny sub committees and to advise / make recommendations to inform and enhance Executive's decisions and help in the development of policies.
5. The existing arrangements makes provision for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to establish individual Task and Finish Groups with regards to issues identified by the Board and or the other scrutiny sub-committees as requiring detailed examination. Membership of the Task and Finish Group is sought on an 'expressions of interest' basis, to encourage those Members most engaged and interested in the topic to put their names forward to become members of the Task and Finish Group.
6. The "London Luton Airport Air Quality Impact Task and Finish Group" was established in November 2018 but was delayed for so many reasons, it finally commenced fully in August of 2019.

7. The details of the Task and Finish Groups and progress are set out in the Annual Report.

The activities of the OSB are driven by its work programme, developed and agreed by the Board itself. The work programme is constantly evolving and regularly updated as and when matters arise.

8. Councillor Pedersen (Liberal Democrat) remain the Chair of the Board for the period 2019/20.

The Vice Chairs for the period ending 2019/20 were Councillors David Agbley (Labour) and Jeff Petts (Conservative).

### **Proposal/Option**

9. To commend the Recommendations to Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for approval.

### **Appendix (if any)**

10. Draft Annual Scrutiny Report 2019/20 – Appendix

### **List of Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972, Section 100D**