

# GWYNEDD COUNCIL



## Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020</b>
<b>Title of Item:</b>	<b>Annual Scrutiny Report 2019-20</b>
<b>Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Beth Lawton, Scrutiny Forum Chair</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Geraint Owen, Head of Democratic Services (Head of Corporate Support)</b>

### DECISION SOUGHT

To accept the report.

### BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

1. In accordance with the constitution, a report elaborating on the scrutiny work undertaken during the year is submitted to a meeting of the Council.
2. The report, which provides an overview of the scrutiny work undertaken during 2019-20, is divided under the following headings:
  - Review of Scrutiny Arrangements
  - The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
  - Savings Scrutiny
  - Scrutiny Matters
  - Scrutiny Investigations
  - Performance Challenge
  - Facts about Scrutiny in Gwynedd in 2019/20.
3. With increasing emphasis being placed on assessing the impact of scrutiny, the focus was placed on the scrutiny items where value was added through the scrutiny work. A list of all items scrutinised at formal meetings during the year is included as an appendix to the annual report.
4. For the first time, a concise version of the report has been created. The concise version was compiled with the aim of using clear language, with the intention of presenting 2019-20 scrutiny work, in an easy to read and concise way.

### APPENDICES:

- Appendix 1 – Annual Scrutiny Report 2019-20
- Appendix 2 – Concise Version

## **ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

### **STATUTORY OFFICERS VIEWS**

#### **Monitoring Officer:**

The Scrutiny arrangements are a key part of the Cabinet system framework. By reviewing the work of the Scrutiny Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee it gives the Council the opportunity to gain awareness of this work and the types of matters which have been subject to scrutiny. I welcome the report.

#### **Statutory Finance Officer:**

I have assisted the author in preparing aspects of this report (particularly the information and figures under 'Savings Scrutiny', and the Audit and Governance Committee's scrutiny work) and confirm the relevant content.