

# **GWYNEDD COUNCIL**



## **Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council**

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>23 June 2022</b>
<b>Title of Item:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22</b>
<b>Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Beth Lawton, Chair of the Scrutiny Forum</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Geraint Owen, Head of Democratic Services (Head of Corporate Support Department)</b>

### **THE DECISION SOUGHT**

To accept the report.

### **BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

1. In accordance with the constitution, a report is submitted to a meeting of the Full Council elaborating on the scrutiny work carried out during the year.
2. The report, which provides an overview of the scrutiny work undertaken during 2021-22, is shared under these headings:
  - Annual Scrutiny Workshops
  - Scrutiny Forum
  - Scrutiny Items
  - Call-ins
  - Task Groups
  - Tracking the Impact of Scrutiny
  - Training
  - Facts about Scrutiny in Gwynedd in 2021/22
3. With an increasing emphasis placed on assessing the impact of scrutiny work, focus was placed on scrutiny items that added value through the scrutiny work. A list of all items scrutinised at formal meetings during the year has been included as an appendix to the annual report.
4. A concise version of the report has been produced with the intention to present 2021-22 scrutiny work in a succinct and easy to read format.

### **APPENDICES:**

- Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22
- Appendix 2 - Concise Version

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

### **THE STATUTORY OFFICERS' OBSERVATIONS**

#### **Monitoring Officer:**

Overview and scrutiny committees have a key role in the Council's governance arrangements. The report reflects the range of this work which the committees deliver and also keeping an overview of the Cabinet. I'm content that the information presented shows that this role is being addressed appropriately.

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

I believe that this report is a fair reflection of the wide and detailed scrutiny undertaken during 2021/22. In relation to finance issues, I can confirm that the Audit and Governance Committee has scrutinised financial matters as part of the budget establishment and expenditure monitoring procedures.

The report does not create additional expenditure commitment.