

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council
MEETING DATE:	16TH September 2021
TITLE:	Policy Development & Scrutiny Annual Report 2020 - 2021
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1. Policy Development & Scrutiny Annual Report	

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 To consider the Policy Development & Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020-2021.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to;

2.1 Note the work of the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panels, as set out in the Annual Report attached at Appendix 1.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 As part of its statutory duty the Council is required to appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee / Panel that will have sole responsibility to discharge the functions under Sections 9F and 9FA to 9FI of the Local Government Act 2000, as relevant to the Council's statutory duties and responsibilities. The current model includes; 3 Policy Development & Scrutiny Panels. They provide a system of checks and balances implemented by Councillors who monitor the activity of the Cabinet members and assist them in developing policy.

3.2 The Policy Development & Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs Group agreed that it would provide an annual report to the Council summarising the work of Scrutiny over the previous year.

3.3 The PDS Chairs and Vice Chairs Group have an oversight of the work of each of the Panels and responsibility for coordinating the Council's scrutiny activity. Each of the Chairs has provided a synopsis of the work that their committee have carried out this year.

3.4 The Annual Report provides an opportunity to highlight some of the positive work carried out by the Panels and Committee both internally / externally, and particularly with partners and agencies involved with scrutiny throughout the year.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Policy Development & Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs Group are not required to produce an annual report; however it is good practice to do so.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 The Corporate Panel includes Equalities within its remit and will consult the Race Equality Panel if relevant to the item being scrutinised.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The report highlights some of the work carried out by the Climate Emergency & Sustainability Panel

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Monitoring Officer.

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Background papers	None
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