

Report to: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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Subject: **Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23**

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Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1. To present the Combined Authority with the Scrutiny Annual Report summarising and highlighting the work undertaken by the three Scrutiny Committees during the 2022/23 municipal year.

2. Information

- 2.1. Each year the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committees have produced an annual report which provides a summary of their activities in that municipal year including the topics they scrutinised and reviewed, the agendas for their meetings, any outstanding issues being monitored and their plans for the following year.
- 2.2. The Annual Reports are published and available to read on the Scrutiny section of the Combined Authority's website here: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-transparency/scrutiny/>
- 2.3. The Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1. There are no climate emergency implications directly arising from this report, but the annual report includes a summary of the Transport & Infrastructure

Scrutiny Committee's consideration of decarbonisation in transport in which the committee scrutinised the Combined Authority's decarbonisation plans and the latest data on the likelihood of carbon emissions targets being reached by 2030 and 2038. This scrutiny took place in committee meetings, at the Mayors Question Time and in a specially arranged workshop.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1. There are no inclusive growth implications directly arising from this report, but the annual report includes a summary of the Economy Scrutiny Committee's consideration of economic growth and skills matters in which the committee scrutinised the Combined Authority's activity and KPIs in the context of inter-regional equity (or 'levelling up'), support for struggling business sectors and labour market challenges for certain groups in society such as over-50s, people from deprived areas, and young people.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1. There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report, but the annual report includes a summary of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's continuing oversight of the Mayor's Pledge on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in particular the appointment of an Inclusivity Champion, progress on the EDI plan and progress of plans to consider social value in procurement.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report, but the annual report includes a summary of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's continuing oversight and scrutiny of the budget and the Combined Authority's financial position, with a focus on risks, impact of inflation, use of reserves, efficiency savings, gainshare spending monitoring and generation of revenue.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

- 8.1. There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report, but the annual report includes a summary of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's consideration of staffing and workforce issues this year, with the committee scrutinising the Combined Authority's plans on its 'people strategy', new terms and conditions for staff, recruitment and retention challenges, and the annual staff survey - over two private workshops and a committee meeting.

9. External Consultees

- 9.1. No external consultations have been undertaken, but the report includes an overview of the Transport & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee and Chair's

engagement with an external academic expert with regards to the accuracy of the bus real time information system the Combined Authority is responsible for maintaining.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1. That the Combined Authority notes the appended annual report summarising the work undertaken by the overview and scrutiny committees in 2022/23.

11. Background Documents

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23