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SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

MEETING: 1. OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE
SCRUTINY FORUM
2. COUNCIL

DATE: 1. 10 MAY 2016
2. 27 JULY 2016

REPORT BY: POLICY AND SCRUTINY OFFICER

WARD: ALL

COMMUNITY FORUM: ALL

KEY DECISION REFERENCE (IF APPLICABLE): NON KEY DECISION REF NO. 57

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BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC REPORTS: Various reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Cabinet and related minutes.

LOCATION: Policy and Scrutiny Officer, Room 1.19
Democratic Services Room 1.23
ModGov System, Council Website.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present to the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum and Council the Scrutiny Annual Report which details the work of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees and development of the Overview and Scrutiny function during 2015/16.

- 1.2 To promote the role, work and achievements of the Council's statutory Overview and Scrutiny function.
- 1.3 To provide an outline of Overview and Scrutiny work programme plans for 2016/17.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum consider and approve, with or without amendment, the Scrutiny Annual Report for submission to Council.
- 2.2 That the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum agree that the Policy and Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs approve any further, minor amendments to the report that may be needed.
- 2.3 That Council consider and endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report is produced and presented to the Council each year. This is the Council's 10th Scrutiny Annual Report for submission to Council, following approval by the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum.
- 3.2 The provision of a Scrutiny Annual Report is considered to be good practice and is a requirement of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance which is adopted to ensure effective operation of the Council's functions.

4.0 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report attached sets out the work, achievements and impact of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during 2015/16. The Annual report intends to :-
 - i) give an overview of the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function and how it is developing;
 - ii) evidence and provide a comprehensive record of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
 - iii) promote and raise the profile of the statutory Overview and

Scrutiny function and the work of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

5.0 RISK CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 There are no risk implications arising from the contents of this report.

6.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

7.0 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the contents of this report.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum consider and approve, with or without amendments, the Scrutiny Annual Report for submission to Council.

9.2 That the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum agree that the Policy and Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs approve any further, minor amendments to the report that may be needed.

9.3 That Council consider and endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16.

10.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To enable Council oversight of the work and operation of the Overview and Scrutiny function, its effectiveness and contribution to the work of the Council.

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