

For publication

Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16

Meeting:	Council
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Cabinet portfolio:	Governance
Report by:	Policy and Scrutiny Officer

1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present to 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 provide an outline of Overview and Scrutiny work programme plans for 2016/17.

2.0 Recommendation

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

3.0 Background Information

- 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 on 10 May 2016.
- 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.

3.3 **Scrutiny Annual Report**

3.4 The Scrutiny Annual Report attached as Appendix A sets out the work, achievements and impact of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during 2015/16. The annual report intends to :

- Give an overview of the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function and how it is developing;
- Evidence and provide a comprehensive record of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- Promote the role and raise the profile of the statutory Overview and Scrutiny function and the work of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
- Provide an outline of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' work programme plans for 2016/17.

4.0 **Human resources/people management implications**

4.1 There are no human resources / people management implications arising from the report.

5.0 **Financial implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

6.0 **Legal and data protection implications**

6.1 There are no legal or data protection implications arising from the report.

7.0 **Consultation**

7.1 This report has been considered and approved by the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum at its meeting held 10 May 2016.

7.2 The Cabinet Member for Governance and the Council's key corporate officers have been consulted on this report.

8.0 Risk management

8.1 There are no risk management implications arising from the report.

9.0 Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

9.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from the report.

10.0 Alternative options and reasons for rejection

10.1 Council may wish to provide comments on the report to the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum.

11.0 Recommendations

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

12.0 Reasons for recommendations

13.0 To enable Council oversight of the work and operation of its statutory Overview and Scrutiny function, the function's effectiveness and contribution to the work of the Council.

Decision information

Key decision number	Non key decision No 57
Wards affected	ALL
Links to Council Plan priorities	ALL

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Background documents	

None.

Appendices to the report

Appendix A

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