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Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19

Meeting: Council

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Report by: Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

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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 2018/19.

1.2 To provide an outline of overview and scrutiny work programme plans for 2019/20.

2.0 **Recommendation**

2.1 That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 be approved.

3.0 **Background Information**

3.1 The scrutiny annual report is produced and presented to the council each year. This is the council's 14th scrutiny annual

report for submission to council, following approval by the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum on 4 July, 2019.

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 2018/19. 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 2019/20.

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

4.0 **Recommendations**

4.1 That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 be approved.

5.0 **Reasons for recommendations**

- 6.0 To enable council oversight of the work and operation of its statutory overview and scrutiny function along with the function's effectiveness and contribution to the work of the council.

Decision information

Key decision number	Non key decision No 129
Wards affected	ALL
Links to Council Plan priorities	ALL

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Appendices to the report	
Appendix A	Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19