



## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To present to the Scrutiny Forum and Council for consideration the Scrutiny Annual Report which details development of the Overview and Scrutiny function, and the work of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees during 2013/14.
- 1.2 To promote and raise awareness of the role and work of the Council's statutory Overview and Scrutiny function.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider and endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14.

## **3.0 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report is produced and presented to the Council each year. This is the Council's 8<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Annual Report which is to be agreed for submission to Council by the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum.
- 3.2 The submission of the Scrutiny Annual Report is considered to be good practice and its provision is a requirement of the Council's approved Code of Corporate Governance adopted to ensure effective operation of the Council's functions.
- 3.3 This Scrutiny Annual Report sets out the work, achievements and impact of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during 2013/14. The Annual report is intended to :-
  - i) evidence the work of the Overview and Scrutiny function;
  - ii) give an overview of the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function and how it is developing;
  - iii) provide a comprehensive record of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny function for future reference; and
  - iv) promote and raise the profile of the Overview and Scrutiny function.

## **4.0 RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no implications arising from the contents of this report.

**5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**6.0 LEGAL CONSIDERATION**

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

**7.0 EQUALITIES CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**8.0 RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 To consider and endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/14.

**9.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

9.1 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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