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AGENDA ITEM

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

MEETING: 1. COUNCIL

2. OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE

SCRUTINY FORUM

DATE: 1. 18 MAY 2015

2. 19 MARCH 2015

REPORT BY: POLICY AND SCRUTINY OFFICER

WARD: ALL

COMMUNITY

FORUM:

ALL

KEY DECISION REFERENCE (IF APPLICABLE): NON KEY DECISION REF NO 33

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BACKGROUND PAPERS Various overview and scrutiny reports and

FOR PUBLIC REPORTS: minutes and Cabinet minutes.

LOCATION: Policy and Scrutiny Officer, Room 3.33

Democratic Services Room 1.23 ModGov System, Council Website.

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 2014/15.

1.2 To promote and raise awareness of the role, work and achievements of the Council's statutory Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To consider and endorse the Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report is produced and presented to the Council each year. This is the Council's 9th Scrutiny Annual Report which has been approved for submission to Council by the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum held 19 March 2015.
- 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.

4.0 **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report (Appendix 1) sets out the work, achievements and impact of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during 2014/15. 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 Committees for future reference; and
 - iv) promote and raise the profile of the Overview and Scrutiny function and the work of its Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

5.0 RISK CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 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 2014/15.

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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