

## Summary Sheet

### Council Report

Council – 13 July 2016

### Title

Scrutiny Annual Report 2015-16

### Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

### Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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### Ward(s) Affected

All

## Executive Summary

This report presents the final draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015-16 for members' approval, having been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 1 July 2016.

The scrutiny work programme, as outlined in the annual report, helps to achieve corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and the outcomes focus on added value to the work of the Council.

## Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1 Receives and approves the Annual Report 2015-16 for publication.
- 2 Notes that membership details for 2016-17 may be subject to change following this meeting of the Council and will therefore be reflected in the final published version.
- 3 Agrees that *Our work programme in 2016-17* will be updated following the work planning meeting on 8 July 2016 and this will be captured in the final published version.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Annual Report 2015-16 and Forward Plan 2016-17

**Background Papers**

Minutes of Scrutiny meetings during 2015-16

Scrutiny review reports - progress on recommendations

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

None

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## Scrutiny Annual Report 2015-16

### 1. Recommendations

#### 1.1 That the Council:

- 1.1.1 Receives and approves the Annual Report 2015-16 for publication.
- 1.1.2 Notes that membership details for 2016-17 may be subject to change following this meeting of the Council and will therefore be reflected in the final published version.
- 1.1.3 Agrees that *Our work programme in 2016-17* will be updated following the work planning meeting on 8 July 2016 and this will be captured in the final published version.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report aims to provide a retrospective look over the past year in terms of work completed and outcomes achieved. It also offers a look ahead for the coming municipal year in terms of future priorities through a headline work programme.
- 2.2 It is an opportunity to provide vital information to Members, officers, partner agencies and the general public about the role and work of Scrutiny and to formally thank the co-optees for their contributions.
- 2.3 As in previous years the report has a dedicated section for OSMB and each of the three Select Commissions, Health, Improving Lives and Improving Places, entitled:
  - *Positive outcomes from our previous reviews*
  - *Our work this year*
  - *Our work programme in 2016-17*
- 2.4 The aim is to show tangible outcomes that have been achieved and which may be directly attributable to the work of Scrutiny, providing good added value to the work of the Council. The draft report is attached as Appendix 1.

### 3. Key Issues

- 3.1 The scrutiny work programme, as outlined in the annual report, helps to achieve corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance agendas and the outcomes focus on adding value.
- 3.2 The report is a key tool for engaging Members, officers and the general public in the detail of Scrutiny work and hopes to encourage wider involvement in scrutiny, as an important aspect of local democracy.
- 3.3 When the report is considered at the Council meeting on the 13 July, there will also be a decision made on some potential changes to membership of OSMB and the Select Commissions for 2016/17. Therefore the report will be

amended to include any changes that are subject to approval immediately following the meeting.

- 3.4 The work programme for 2016/17 will be developed further in the OSMB work prioritisation and planning meeting on 8 July 2016 and the outcomes of this will be reflected in the final published version.

#### **4. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 4.1 This report presents the final draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015-16 for Overview and Scrutiny Management Board members to consider and approve prior to publication for the Council meeting on 13 July 2016.

#### **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

#### **6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 6.1 It is anticipated that once the report has been discussed by the OSMB it will be presented at full Council on 13 July and then published on the Council website.

#### **7. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 7.1 None.

#### **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct legal implications, although the work programme of OSMB and the Select Commissions encompasses statutory duties of the Council.

#### **9. Human Resources Implications**

- 9.1 There are no direct human resources implications, but scrutiny of the budget savings proposals by OSMB considered issues relating to workforce changes.

#### **10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 10.1 The specific focus of the Improving Lives Select Commission has been on Child Sexual Exploitation and children's safeguarding this year.
- 10.2 OSMB supported Rotherham Youth Cabinet in its review of mental health services for children and young people as part of the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge.

#### **11. Equalities and Human Rights Implications**

- 11.1 Scrutiny focuses on promoting equality through improving access to services and support for all and ensuring the needs of groups sharing an equality protected characteristic are taken into account.

#### **12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates**

12.1 The work programme has included all directorates and a number of partner agencies, especially in the work of the Health Select Commission.

12.2 This will continue in the work programme for the coming year.

### **13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 None.

### **14. Accountable Officer(s)**

James McLaughlin, Democratic Services Manager

Approvals Obtained from:

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services: N/A

Director of Legal Services: N/A

Head of Procurement: N/A

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