

Summary Sheet

Council – 12 July 2017

Title:

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17

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

Summary

This report presents the final draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2016-17 for Members' approval, having been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 21 June 2017.

Recommendations

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17 be approved.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17

Background Papers

Minutes of OSMB and Select Commissions during 2016-17
Review Reports from 2016-17

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 21 June 2017

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17 be approved.

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 The aim is to show tangible outcomes that have been achieved and which may be directly attributable to the work of Scrutiny, providing 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.

4. Options considered and recommended proposals

- 4.1 The Annual Report has been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting on 21 June 2017, where it was agreed for recommendation to Council for approval.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 This section is not applicable to this report.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing the Decision

- 6.1 As Council is recommended to approve the Annual Report, there are no further stages in the decision making process.
- 6.2 The Democratic Services Manager and Statutory Scrutiny Officer is accountable for the publication of the report.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 There are no financial or procurement implications associated with the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Article 8(6) of the Constitution require the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to submit an annual report to the Council on the operation of the overview and scrutiny select commissions and this is that report.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no Human Resources implications associated with this report.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults associated with this report, however the scrutiny function has undertaken work throughout the past year to support both groups.

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 There are no implications for partners or other directorates associated with this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks associated with the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

James McLaughlin, Democratic Services Manager and Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Approvals Obtained from:

Section 151 Officer:- Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services

Monitoring Officer:- Dermot Pearson, Assistant Director of Legal Services

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