

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Introduction

1. The Constitution requires that the Scrutiny Commission and Overview and Scrutiny Committees submit an Annual Report to the Council (or the Scrutiny Commission in a single report on their behalf) on their workings. The report may make recommendations about future work programmes and changes in working methods.

Annual Report

2. Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is a copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16. It is intended as a public facing summary of the key highlights of scrutiny activity undertaken during the year and serves to draw out the work undertaken at committee and review panel level and how this has had an impact.
3. For the first time the Annual Report includes comments from the Leader of the Council on how Overview and Scrutiny contributes in a constructive manner to the work of the Council, particularly at a time of constrained resource.

Conclusions

4. The work of Overview and Scrutiny remains highly important in ensuring that the Council's budget and performance is closely monitored and that service transformation and redesign is implemented in a high quality and cost effective manner.
5. Scrutiny resources will need to be focused on areas that matter the most to the public, such as protecting the most vulnerable in our society, and areas in which it feels will be of help the Council to work smarter and more efficiently.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, on its activities, be noted.)

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Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission**

Background Papers

Annual Report submitted to the meeting of the Scrutiny Commission on 15 June 2016 (attached).

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