

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

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 2016/17. 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.

Conclusions

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. With a number of new members joining the Council training and development will be a key issue and is something the Scrutiny Commissioners will wish to consider and raise with the Member Learning and Development Working Party.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, on its activities, be noted.)

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