

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

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 2017/18. 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 level, including workshops, and how this has had an impact.
3. For the first time, the report highlights training undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen as part of members' commitment to ensure the quality of the Scrutiny function.

Conclusions

4. The work of Overview and Scrutiny remains critical in ensuring that the Council's budget and performance is closely monitored, that services are delivered effectively and efficiently and that they meet the needs of local people. Service transformation and redesign has been a key theme of scrutiny reports during the last year and all Committees have played a role in making sure that changes are 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 it can support the Council to work smarter and more efficiently.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, on its activities, be noted.)

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