

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

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 2013/14. It is not intended as a comprehensive review of all scrutiny activity undertaken during the year but to highlight in a public friendly format some of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny and how it has had an impact.

Conclusions

3. In recognising the drastically reduced finances within which the Council now has to operate, the work of Overview and Scrutiny will be increasingly important in ensuring that as the Council navigates its way through this period of financial austerity and implements service transformation and redesign, it continues to deliver high quality cost effective and responsive services.
4. Scrutiny resources will need to be focussed on areas that matter the most to the public 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 2013/14, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, on its activities, be noted.)

**Mr. S. J. Galton CC
Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission**

Background Papers

Annual Report submitted to the meeting of the Scrutiny Commission on 4th June 2014 (attached).

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