

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

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Service: Democratic Services

Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To present to the Committee the 2012/13 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

2. Recommendation

The Committee are recommended to agree the content of the report ahead of its submission to Annual Council on 16 May 2013.

3. Information

- 3.1 The Council's constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to submit a report to the Annual Council meeting on the performance of its functions (including the work of its sub-committees) over the previous year. An Annual Report has been compiled, which highlights the main areas of scrutiny undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees during 2012/13. The report is attached as appendix A.
- 3.2 The Annual Report was considered and agreed at a meeting of the scrutiny chairs and deputy chairs on 12 March 2013.
- 3.3 The constitution also requires the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report to set out the proposed scrutiny work programme for the year ahead. When agreeing the work programme for 2012/13, it was acknowledged by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the identified topics would not be completed within the municipal year, therefore some aspects of the programme would roll into 2013/14.
- 3.4 At the chairs and deputies meeting held on 12 March 2013, Members discussed arrangements for reviewing and refreshing the work programme in light of any emerging priorities. Members considered a list of topics for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and each of the sub-committees which would be rolled forward to the 2013/14 work programme. It was agreed that it would be timely to consider the structure of overview and scrutiny and the work programme after the Mayoral election in May.

4. Appendices

4.1 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13