

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14

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Service Area: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To introduce the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/14.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for submission to Annual Council on 5 June 2014.

3. Detail

At the end of the municipal year the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must approve the contents of an annual report summarising performance of the overview and scrutiny arrangements over the previous year together with its proposed work programme for the year ahead for submission to the Annual Council meeting.

Attached is the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14. The report sets out the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its 5 sub-committees over the municipal year. The report highlights the ways in which scrutiny has influenced and shaped policy through the various in-depth investigations that have been carried out. It is hoped that that this work can be further developed during the next municipal year with more studies undertaken that contribute to the development of Council policies and plans. Whilst the report highlights some areas of work that will be considered during the next municipal year, the full work programme for Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees will be finalised during the first meetings of 2014/5 in June and July.

The report was approved at a meeting of all scrutiny chairs and deputies on 11 March 2014. The Committee is asked to approve the report ahead of its submission to Annual Council on 5 June 2014.

4. Appendices (if any)

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14