

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To introduce the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16 and progress the next steps in the approval process for the annual report.

2. Recommendations

To agree the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16 as attached and refer to Annual Council on 19 May 2016.

3. Details

- 3.1 At the end of each municipal year a report is produced which summarises the activities and performance of the overview, scrutiny and policy development functions and also looks at the proposed work programme arrangements for the following year.
- 3.2 Attached at Appendix A is the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16. The report highlights the increasing role that scrutiny has in policy development and outlines what scrutiny has achieved through the various pieces of work undertaken by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub-committees. The report has undertaken a streamlined structure in comparison to previous annual reports, in order to make it more user-friendly and focused on the impact of scrutiny. The report also highlights the process in place for the development of the 2016/17 work programme, including the stakeholders that have been consulted in order to develop a work programme that will deliver the greatest contribution to policy development across the Council.
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16 was considered and approved for submission to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee at a meeting of scrutiny chairs and deputies on 15 March 2016. Members are recommended to approve the report as attached and refer for submission to Council at its Annual meeting on 19 May 2016.

4. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

N/A