

Item No.

# **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

## Council 13 July 2009

### Report Title OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009

#### Agenda Status: PUBLIC

#### 1. Purpose

1.1 To receive the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/09, as attached at Appendix A.

#### 2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council notes the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/09.

#### 3. Background and Issues

3.1 Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires that the Overview and Scrutiny Committees report annually to Council on their workings and make recommendations for further work programmes, and amended working methods if appropriate. Attached at Appendix A is the fourth Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report to the Council, covering the 2008/09 Municipal Year. It aims to provide a succinct summary of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees appointed, as well as the main issues scrutinised during the course of the year.

#### 4. Options

4.1 This report is for information and therefore there are no options for decision.

#### 5. Implications (including financial implications)

#### 5.1 **Priorities**

5.1.1 Effective Overview and Scrutiny arrangements leading to improvements in service design and delivery contribute to achieving the ambition of being a well managed Council where the customer is at the heart of what we do.

#### 5.2 Policy Framework

5.2.1 The work of Overview and Scrutiny plays a major part in the development of the Council's policy framework. This is identified in the work programme.

#### 5.3 Resources and Risk

- 5.3.1 Not applicable.
- 5.4 Legal

#### 5.4.1 Statutory power to undertake the proposals as set out in the report

**5.4.1.1**The duties to undertake Overview and Scrutiny are set out in the Local Government Act 2000.

#### 5.5 Equality

5.5.1 Overview and Scrutiny carries out Equality Impact Assessments for its Reviews, working closely with the Policy Team Leader.

#### 5.6 Consultees (Internal and External)

5.6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has been consulted on the content of the Annual Report.

#### 6. Background Papers

Key background information: -

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee agendas and minutes
- Overview and Scrutiny Review reports

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