

## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 9 June 2014

### SCRUTINY DISPATCHES

<b>Purpose</b>	To provide draft dispatches report for agreement and submission to council which will provide headlines from recent scrutiny activity to ensure visibility and awareness of key issues, findings and outcomes.
<b>Content</b>	The report appends the latest 'Scrutiny Dispatches', which is presented to each council meeting.
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	approve content of the 'Scrutiny Dispatches'
<b>Lead Councillor(s)</b>	Councillor Mike Day, Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Programme Committee is responsible for the various informal scrutiny activities and monitoring progress to ensure that the work is effective. The committee also wants to ensure that findings from performance panels and working groups have the required visibility.
- 1.2 'Scrutiny Dispatches' is a short but informative summary of the headlines from the work of scrutiny. It is reported to each council meeting. Rather than provide a detailed progress report across all activities it aims to provide headlines, for example, key outcomes, findings, and events, typically with one major story each time.
- 1.3. Content from the dispatches is also posted on the Swansea Scrutiny blog so that it can be shared across social media platforms to develop public engagement in scrutiny.

#### 2. Scrutiny Dispatches

- 2.1 The latest 'Scrutiny Dispatches' report is attached as **Appendix 1**.

- 2.2 The dispatches report will be included in the agenda of the next council meeting (17 June).
- 2.3 The committee is invited to comment on the content and propose changes to ensure coverage of the significant issues.
- 2.4 Scrutiny Dispatches is listed in the Council agenda under the section 'For Information Reports. (Not for Discussion)'. Following the committee meeting in April it was agreed that the Chair write to the Leader and Chair of Council with a request that this be changed. The committee felt that there should be time for discussion and any questions to the Chair of the Committee based on the content of the Dispatches report. The Chair of Council has confirmed that although the report is marked 'for information' the opportunity is available to any Member who wishes to ask a question for clarity or further information.

### **3. Legal Implications**

- 3.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

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Finance Officer: Carl Billingsley