

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 13 July 2015

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT – 2014-15

Purpose	To provide a report on the work of scrutiny for the municipal year 2014-15.
Content	This report provides background to the annual report and attaches the annual report 2014-15.
Councillors are being asked to	Consider and agree the content of the annual report
Lead Councillor(s)	Councillor Mary Jones, Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee Councillor Robert Smith, Vice Chair
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1. Every year Council requires that an annual report is produced for the work of scrutiny for the previous municipal year.
2. The Scrutiny Annual Report is used to:
 - Highlight the work carried out by scrutiny
 - Show how scrutiny has made a difference
 - Support continuous improvement for the scrutiny function
3. For the fourth year the report is being produced as a simple scorecard. This approach is intended to highlight a small number of key indicators that illustrate four performance questions. These questions, which are intended to reflect a 'results based' approach, are:
 - What was the impact of scrutiny?
 - How well did we do it?
 - How much did scrutiny affect the business of the Council?
 - How much scrutiny did we do?
4. Charts have been added that show comparative data with previous years where available. Arrows on the main scorecard have also been added to indicate the direction of change for each measure.

5. Councillors should also consider whether the indicators will be suitable for future reports or whether different indicators should be used or developed.
6. Subject to agreement, the annual report could be presented to Council on 23 July 2015.

Financial Implications

7. There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Legal Implications

8. The Council Constitution requires that an overview & scrutiny annual report is produced each year although the style and content of the annual report is not prescribed.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

1. Scrutiny Annual Report 2014-15

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