

## Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

Audit Committee – 20 October 2015

### SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT – 2014/15

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| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | To provide a report on the work of scrutiny for the municipal year 2014-15 |
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#### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 Every year Council requires that an annual report is produced for the work of scrutiny for the previous municipal year. This was reported to Council on 23 July 2015.

1.2 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

1.3 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?

1.4 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.

1.5 The annual report was agreed by the Scrutiny Programme Committee on 13 July 2015.

1.6 Any comments will be considered by the Scrutiny Programme Committee to inform future annual reports.

## **2.0 Financial Implications**

2.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **3.0 Legal Implications**

3.1 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.

## **4.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

4.1 There are no equality and engagement implications associated with this report.

**Background Papers:** None.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Scrutiny Annual Report 2014-15