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| Council | Agenda Item: |
| Meeting Date | 23 September 2015 |
| Report Title | Overview and scrutiny annual report 2014/15 |
| Lead Member | CLlr Andy Booth, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee |
| SMT Lead | Abdool Kara, Chief Executive |
| Head of Service | David Clifford, Policy and Performance Manager |
| Lead Officer | Bob Pullen, Policy and Performance Officer |
| Key Decision | No |
| Classification | Open |
| Forward Plan | Reference number: |
| Recommendations | 1. That Council considers the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15. |

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report at Appendix I provides details of the work of the Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15.

2 Background

- 2.1 It is common practice among local authorities for the work of the overview and scrutiny committees to be reported and considered each year by the authority, usually in the form of an annual report. The Scrutiny Committee's terms of reference require it to report annually to Council on its work and make any recommendations for amended working practices if appropriate.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee made good progress last year as noted in the report. Many of its recommendations have been accepted by Cabinet, and have been or are in the process of being implemented.
- 3.2 The annual report also serves as a useful summary of the Committee's work which could be shared with residents via publication on the Council's website.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 This is largely a report for information and so no alternative options are proposed.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee has considered the annual report and resolved that it should be presented to Council for their consideration.

6 Implications

| Issue | Implications |
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| Corporate Plan | The Committee scrutinises a wide number of issues across all the corporate priorities, and more generally helps to improve and enhance decision making in the Council. |
| Financial, Resource and Property | The Scrutiny Committee's explicit remit is scrutiny of the preparation of the Council's annual budget, and to review and scrutinise the Council's performance in relation to budgetary management. |
| Legal and Statutory | The Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires all local authorities to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. |
| Crime and Disorder | The Scrutiny Committee has an explicit remit to consider crime and disorder matters. |
| Sustainability | The Committees have received reports on the Council's progress on climate change in the past. |
| Health and Wellbeing | The Committee has scrutinised health and wellbeing matters in the past. |
| Risk Management and Health and Safety | None identified at this stage. |
| Equality and Diversity | None identified at this stage. |

7 Appendices

- 7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.