

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 April 2016
Subject:	Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2015/16
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Number of Appendices:	One

Executive Summary:

The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to assure that the Council's work is transparent, that it is held accountable for its decision-making, and that the needs of the community are considered. Reporting the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee through an annual report provides an opportunity for both the Council and the public to view the work of the Committee.

Recommendation:

To APPROVE the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16.

Reasons for Recommendation:

It is important to ensure that the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are promoted both internally and publicly to reinforce transparency and accountability in the democratic process. It is also a requirement of the Council's constitution that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to full Council on its workings.

Resource Implications:

None.

Legal Implications:

None.

Risk Management Implications:

None.

Performance Management Follow-up:

Annual review of the work of the Committee provides transparency and accountability and helps the Overview and Scrutiny Committee prepare its work programme.

Environmental Implications:

None.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny function must deliver the work required of it as set out in the Council's constitution. The Committee has a formal work programme for the year and it ensures the volume of work does not compromise the depth of examination required, does not duplicate the work of other committees and adds value.

2.0 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

2.1 Not only is it a requirement of the Council's constitution to report the activities of the Committee on an annual basis but it is good practice. The annual report demonstrates the broad coverage of activities that the committee has scrutinised and reviewed during the year. This coverage has been undertaken through a combination of the following;

- Progress reports from officers on the delivery of key strategies and policies
- Quarterly performance management reporting
- Working groups to review specific areas of interest
- Presentations from officers and external organisations
- Scrutiny review of new strategies and policies

The 2015/16 annual report can be found at Appendix 1.

2.2 This is the first year of the new Committee. To support the new Committee, training has been provided and this will be continued. A workshop was also held with Committee Members to obtain views on how the first year had gone and to consider the effectiveness of the Committee. The outcome from the workshop can be found in pages 2014-16 of the annual report.

2.3 Following approval of the annual report it will be presented by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Council on 19 April 2015. This fulfils the reporting requirement within the Council's constitution.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 None.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 None.

5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

5.1 None.

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

6.1 None.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

7.1 None

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/

Environment)

8.1 None

9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)

9.1 None

10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10.1 None.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report
2015/16