

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Council
Date of Meeting:	16 May 2017
Subject:	Draft Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2016/17
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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. The draft report was considered and approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 May 2017 subject to an addition to the report around the work of the Flood Risk Management Working Group.

Recommendation:

To consider the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17.

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 the 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 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; and
- scrutiny review of new strategies and policies.

Overall, the activity of the Committee underlines the value it contributes to the Council's policy and assurance framework. The 2016/17 annual report can be found in Appendix 1.

2.2 The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 2 May 2017. The report was approved but subject to an addition around the work of the Flood Risk Management Group. This addition can be found on Page 4 of Appendix 1.

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: 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2016/17