

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SCRUTINY MATTERS: ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2011/12

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Annual Scrutiny Report which summaries the work of former seven Scrutiny Committees during 2011/12.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 The Annual Report provides an overview of the positive outcomes achieved to help drive improvements to public services in Sunderland, as a direct result of the key areas of work undertaken by each of the former seven Scrutiny Committees during the last 12 months. It also outlines the development of the Scrutiny Function in 2011/12 and the year ahead for 2012/13.

3. Operation of the former Scrutiny Committees

- 3.1 The seven former Scrutiny Committees, aligned to the key priorities for the city, as outlined in the Sunderland Strategy, provided an outward focused approach to delivering scrutiny.
- 3.2 In June 2011, each Scrutiny Committee agreed their annual work programme for the municipal year 2011/12. The year 2011/12 has been a very busy year for all of the Scrutiny Committees. As part of each work programme, a comprehensive policy review has been undertaken.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The seven former Scrutiny Committees have delivered demanding, varied and interesting work programmes in 2011/12 with 2012/13 promising to be another challenging and fulfilling year.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the operation, achievements and impact of the former Scrutiny Committees during 2011/12 as outlined in the combined Annual Report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

