

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SCRUTINY MATTERS: ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2009/10

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the first combined Annual Scrutiny Report, which summaries the work of each of the seven Scrutiny Committees during 2009/10.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 In previous years Council have received an Annual Report from each of the Scrutiny Committee's which reflected the committee's work programme and included achievements, highlights and policy review work. This year, for the first time, the Annual Report combines the work of all of the Scrutiny Committees.
- 2.2 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 seven Scrutiny Committees during the last 12 months. It also outlines the development of the Scrutiny Function in 2009/10 and the year ahead for 2010/11.

3. Operation of the Scrutiny Committees

- 3.1 The seven Scrutiny Committees are now aligned to the key priorities for the city, as outlined in the Sunderland Strategy, providing an outward focused approach to delivering scrutiny.
- 3.2 In June 2009, each Scrutiny Committee agreed their annual work programme for the municipal year 2009/10. The year 2009/10 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, the only exception to this being the Management Scrutiny Committee, which has continued to focus its efforts on the ongoing development of the Scrutiny Function.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The seven Scrutiny Committees have delivered demanding, varied and interesting work programmes in 2009/10 with 2010/11 promising to be another exciting and fulfilling year.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the operation, achievements and impact of the Scrutiny Committees during 2009/10 as outlined in the combined Annual Report.

5. Background Papers

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

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