

## ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to consider the draft Scrutiny Annual Report for the municipal year 2015/16.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 As outlined in the Council's Constitution, it is required of the Scrutiny Function to produce an Annual Report detailing the work of the Scrutiny Committee and supporting Panels during the preceding year. The report also contains proposed developments and improvements for the forthcoming year.

#### 3. Draft Report

- 3.1 The draft report is attached as **Appendix 1** for consultation and endorsement by the Scrutiny Committee. Members should note this is a 'draft' version and there is still the opportunity for Members to discuss and make amendments to the draft prior to the final version which will be presented to full council.
- 3.2 Each Lead Scrutiny Member has contributed a short summary of their work over the year, including highlights from former panel and subsequent shadow committee meetings, as well as the outcomes of major pieces of work commissioned by the Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 The Annual Report does reference the review and development of the scrutiny function which took place during the year and resulted in transition arrangements being implemented during the municipal year. Therefore the annual report has been devised with sections related to the shadow scrutiny committees and the work of the former panels has been incorporated into the relevant sections.
- 3.4 Following the endorsement of the report by members of the Scrutiny Committee at the meeting, the Annual Report will be presented to the first meeting of Council in the new Municipal Year and thereafter will be included on the Scrutiny web pages and circulated to key stakeholders for information.

#### 4. Conclusion & Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:-
- (a) Considers the content of the draft Annual Report for 2015/16, and
  - (b) Endorses the report for submission to the first meeting of Council in the Municipal Year 2016/17 and for subsequent circulation to key stakeholders.

## **5. Background Papers**

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

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