

# **Annual Scrutiny Report**



**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**SCRUTINY MATTERS: ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2013/14**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present the Annual Scrutiny Report which summarises the work of Scrutiny Committee and panels during 2013/14.

**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 the Scrutiny Committee and its supporting panels during the last 12 months. It also outlines the way of working with the Scrutiny Committee and six supporting panels.

**3. Operation of the Scrutiny Committees**

- 3.1 In June 2013, the Scrutiny Committee agreed its annual work programme for the municipal year 2013/14. The year has been a very busy year for the Scrutiny Committee and its supporting panels. Each of the panels has undertaken at least one review as well as working on individual commissioned items which collectively form a comprehensive review of issues and policies over the year.

**4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee has delivered a demanding, varied and interesting work programme in 2013/14 with 2014/15 promising to be another challenging and fulfilling year.

**5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the operation, achievements and impact of the Scrutiny Committee during 2013/14 as outlined in the Annual Report.

**6. Background Papers**

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

