

# **Annual Scrutiny Report**



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### SCRUTINY MATTERS: ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2012/13

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Annual Scrutiny Report which summaries the work of the Scrutiny Committee during 2012/13.

#### 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 implementation of a new way of working with the Scrutiny Committee and six supporting panels.

#### 3. Operation of the Scrutiny Committee

- 3.1 In June 2012, the Scrutiny Committee agreed its annual work programme for the municipal year 2012/13. The year has been a very busy year for the Scrutiny Committee and its supporting panels. Each of the panels has undertaken two projects 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 2012/13 with 2013/14 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 2012/13 as outlined in the Annual Report.

#### 6. Background Papers

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

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