

Central Bedfordshire Council

COUNCIL - 19 November 2015

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (2014/15)

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This report relates to a non-Key Decision

Purpose of this report

1. The report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees throughout 2014/15.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to note the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for the municipal year 2014/15.

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

1. This report has been agreed via consultation with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Issues

2. Part D1 (paragraph 6.1.2) of the Council's Constitution requires that the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Panel (OSCP) report annually to full Council on the workings of the overview and scrutiny function and make recommendations for future work programme and amended working methods if appropriate.
3. The attached report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSCs) throughout the 2014/15 municipal year. It also reflects on some revised ways of working to be undertaken by the function throughout the 2015/16 municipal year.

Reason/s for decision

4. The Council's Constitution requires that an annual report be prepared for Council on the workings of the overview and scrutiny function.

Council Priorities

5. The activities of the overview and scrutiny function, its committees and task forces contribute directly to the achievement of each of the Council's priorities.

Corporate Implications

6. There are no corporate implications directly arising from this report.

Legal Implications

7. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report. The objectives for 2015/16 the overview and scrutiny function outlined in the report can be met within existing budgets.

Equalities Implications

9. There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report. The overview and scrutiny function provides a forum to engage residents from across Central Bedfordshire and from a range of different cultural backgrounds. Proposals to proactively engage with local communities will take into account the importance of engaging with a range of communities in a proportionate manner.

Conclusion and next Steps

10. Council is asked to note the report following which the OSCP.

Appendices

Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (2014/15)

Background Papers

None