

Central Bedfordshire Council

COUNCIL

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Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report (2015/16)

Report of (Cllr David McVicar, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Coordination Panel)

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Purpose of this report

1. To summarise the activities undertaken by Overview & Scrutiny in the municipal year 2015/16 and outline the activity anticipated in 2016/17

RECOMMENDATION:-

That the Council notes the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for the municipal year 2015/16.

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. This report is a summary of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee activity over the previous year. It has not been submitted to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees but it has been approved by the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of those Committees.

Background

3. 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 programmes and amended working methods if appropriate."
4. The attached report has been approved by the OSCP for presentation to full Council.
5. The report reflects the outcomes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during the 2015/16 municipal year in addition to outlining the activity that we currently envisage being undertaken throughout 2016/17.

Council Priorities

6. The work programme of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees contributes indirectly to each of the Council priorities. Whilst there are no implications arising directly from this report the implications of proposals are detailed in full in each report submitted to the Committees.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

7. The presentation of this report to Council meets the requirement under the Council's Constitution (Part D1) to present an annual report. There are no other legal implications arising from this report.

Financial and Risk Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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. The Council is asked to note the report and its contents.

Appendices

Appendix: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (2015/16)

Background Papers

The Minutes of all of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees undertaken in 2015/16 are available online and can be viewed via the following link:-

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/committees-meetings-agendas/landing.aspx>