

## Central Bedfordshire Council

COUNCIL

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### Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (2016/17)

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#### Purpose of this report

1. To summarise the activities undertaken by Overview & Scrutiny in the municipal year 2016/17 and outline the activity anticipated in 2017/18

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Council notes the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for the municipal year 2016/17.**

#### Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. The attached report has been approved by the OSCP Members for presentation to full Council.

#### Issues

3. Part 3C 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 report reflects the outcomes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during the 2016/17 municipal year in addition to outlining the activity that we currently envisage being undertaken throughout 2017/18.

#### Council Priorities

5. 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.

## **Legal Implications**

6. The presentation of this report to Council meets the requirement under the Council's Constitution (Part 3C) to present an annual report. There are no other legal implications arising from this report.

## **Financial and Risk Implications**

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

## **Equalities Implications**

8. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
9. Overview and Scrutiny committees provide a valuable contribution to meeting this duty by; providing a forum for discussion in which the public and partners can ask questions and contribute to the decision making process; and reviewing performance and tracking the progress of recommendations as well as encouraging the use of best practice and research from elsewhere

## **Conclusion and next Steps**

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

## **Appendices**

**Appendix A:** Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (2016/17)

## **Background Papers**

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

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

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