



meeting **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

date **20 April 2009**

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Annual Review of Scrutiny

Purpose of the report

1. To allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the development of the Annual Review of Scrutiny for 2008-09.

Background

2. The County Council's Constitution requires an Annual Report on Scrutiny to be presented to the County Council.
3. The last Annual Report was presented to the Annual Meeting of the County Council on 15 May 2008.

Issues

4. The style and content of the Annual Review has evolved every year since the introduction of the dedicated scrutiny team in 2003. Members responded positively to the Annual Review 2007-08 and it is intended that a similar format be used for 2008-09.
5. The recent Corporate Assessment of the County Council observed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should formally gauge the impact of its recommendations on services for local people. To address this and to reflect the work undertaken during the year it is suggested that an additional section be included to demonstrate the achievements that have followed from scrutiny reviews and been reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee through the new recommendation monitoring process.

6. As part of the Annual Review, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee identified a number of challenges for scrutiny during 2007-08. These included:
 - Introducing a new procedure for call-in
 - Addressing the findings of the IDeA Peer Review
 - Developing working relationships with LINKs
 - Embracing the scrutiny and place shaping agenda including scrutiny of public services across providers and scrutiny of the delivery of the LAA
7. The Annual Review 2008-09 is expected to report on how these challenges had been addressed and also outline possible challenges for the forthcoming year.
8. An outline of the proposed content for the Annual Review 2008-09 is attached as an appendix to the report. It is suggested that a draft be circulated to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment prior to a final version being published. Alternatively a draft could be brought to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 May 2009.

Recommendations

9. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree that
 - i. a draft Annual Review of Scrutiny for 2008-09 be developed as set out in the report and circulated to Members for comments and
 - ii. the Annual Review be forwarded to County Council.

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Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Background papers: Annual Review 2007-08

Foreword

Introduction

- [The year in brief](#)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Reviews completed in 2008-09

- [Access to GPs \(Walk-In Centres\)](#)
- [Flooding: \(Drainage and Watercourses\)](#)
- [LIFT Buildings](#)
- [Primary Care Trust Strategic Development](#)
- [Sickness Absence](#)
- [Skills: Now and the Future](#)
- [Managing Attendance in Schools](#)
- [Community Hospitals](#)
- [Learning Disability Campus Services](#)
- [School Attendance and Support](#)
- [Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults](#)
- [Critical Infrastructure](#)
- [Community Policing](#)
- [Annual Health Checks](#)
- [GCSE Attainment and Deprivation](#)
- [Increasing the Take Up of Primary School Meals](#)

Achievements reported in 2008-09

- [Olympics and Paralympics](#)
- [Drugs Education](#)
- [Equalities](#)
- [Street Lighting](#)
- [Flooding](#)
- [The budget process](#)
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Challenges

- [Meeting the challenges of 2008-09](#)
- [LAA scrutiny & Crime and Disorder](#)
- [Performance Management](#)
- [Councillor Calls for Action](#)
- [Local Democracy Bill](#)
- [Member Induction](#)
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