

COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING

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ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2005-06

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR ALLGOOD

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

It is best practice to consider an annual report upon the scrutiny work programme undertaken in 2005/06 at the same time as considering the Council's performance and setting targets for future achievement.

As the Council's Annual Report 2005/06 (Performance Plan Part 2) (Report CAB1283 refers) has been recommended for approval by this meeting of Council, the Annual Scrutiny Report is therefore attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Annual Scrutiny Report 2005-06 be endorsed.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

1.1 Scrutiny contributes towards the Council's aims for performance management, in particular its aims to

- Drive continuous service improvement by undertaking an annual programme of reviews, as agreed with Cabinet and Principal Scrutiny Committee.

- Continue to demonstrate high standards in managing the taxpayers' money - being open to scrutiny, providing services that are efficient and at reasonable cost, avoiding profligacy, maintaining sensible levels of reserves and planning ahead.

2 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 Scrutiny is currently undertaken within the existing staffing resources of the Council. The Head of Performance and Management is the Council's 'champion of scrutiny' at officer level.
- 2.2 The Principal Scrutiny Committee also has a budget of £5,000 under its control to engage external consultants if necessary to help its work or that of the Scrutiny Panels. Cabinet has also indicated that it will consider a request for additional funding if a need can be demonstrated.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

Principal Scrutiny Committee - Annual Report 2005-06