



Chester-le-Street District Council

Report: Council

Date of Meeting: 26 June 2008

Report from: Overview and Scrutiny

Title of Report: Scrutiny Annual Report 2007-2008 – Covering Report

Agenda Item Number:

1. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report, attached at Appendix 1, to Council detailing the work of scrutiny through the Municipal Year 2007-2008.
- 1.2 The Council's Constitution requires that Overview and Scrutiny shall review its own progress at least annually and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny shall report to Council on Overview and Scrutiny's performance.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Head of Corporate Services, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Democratic Services Team were consulted in the preparation of the annual report.

3. TRANSITION PLAN AND PEOPLE AND PLACE PRIORITY

- 3.1 The Transition Plan sets out the council's new single **People and Place** priority. It has been agreed, and supported by the Executive and Scrutiny Panels, the current priorities will be retained for the purposes of this year's plan. The Plan however, makes it clear that during the year the council will re-address its priorities and decide upon new ones in order to develop next year's budget. This is in the light of change in the district and within the organisation.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial and Value for Money Statement

There are no financial implications relating to this report at this current time. However the future of scrutiny and the development of a new work programme to reflect the new People and Place priority may have a cost implications attached.

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications relating to this report at this current time.

4.3 Personnel Implications

There are specific personnel issues as a result of this report.

4.4 Diversity Implications

There are no diversity implications relating to this report at the current time.

4.5 Risk Implications

There are no risk implications relating to this report at this current time.

4.6 Crime and Disorder Implications

There are no crime and disorder implications relating to this report at the current time.

4.7 Data Quality

Every care has been taken in the development of this report to ensure that the information and data used in its preparation and the appendices attached are accurate, timely, consistent and comprehensive. The council's Data Quality Policy has been complied with in producing this report.

5. BACKGROUND, POSITION STATEMENT AND OPTION APPRAISAL

5.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report has been produced in line with requirements from within the Council's Constitution and provides detail of the scrutiny function and the work that has been undertaken by Members engaged in the scrutiny process throughout the Municipal Year.

5.2 The Annual Report is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 That Members note the information contained within the report.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS/DOCUMENTS REFERED TO:

- Scrutiny Handbook
- Principles of Good Scrutiny – CfPS
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Board minutes
- Leisure and Neighbourhood Overview & Scrutiny Panel minutes
- Regeneration and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel minutes
- Partnership and Efficiency Overview & Scrutiny Panel minutes

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