

Audit & Governance Committee

29 June 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

Annual Scrutiny Report 2009-10

Summary

1. This report presents the annual scrutiny report from Scrutiny Services for the period May 2009 – May 2010.

Background

2. This committee is charged with monitoring overall performance in relation to scrutiny review work and providing an annual report to Full Council. The last annual report was produced in early 2009, and was followed by a number of significant changes to the scrutiny function in York. The most significant change being the formation of a number of cross-cutting overview and scrutiny committees based on the themes of the council's corporate strategy.
3. This annual report is the first to provide public information on the work of these new committees.

Consultation

4. The Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee from the last municipal year have been asked to provide an introduction to the annual report and the Chairs of the new committees have been asked to contribute to the individual committees pages within the report – shown at Annex A.
5. At its meeting on 29 June 2010, the Audit & Governance Committee is being invited to consider this Annual Scrutiny Report to comment on the overall effectiveness of our overview & scrutiny programme.

Options

6. Having considered the Annual Report, Members may choose to:
 - approve the report for presentation to the meeting of Full Council in July 2010
 - agree any amendments required to the report prior to its presentation to Full Council

Analysis

7. The report provides readers with an understanding of the revised overview and scrutiny function in York, how to get involved in the scrutiny process and what to

expect from overview & scrutiny in the next twelve months. It also explains how each of the scrutiny reviews completed during the last municipal year, supported the council's Corporate Strategy.

Corporate Priorities

8. The production of an annual Scrutiny Report supports the following direction statement of the Council - 'We will promote cohesive and inclusive communities'. Within the report, there is information on how each of the completed reviews supported the council's improvement priorities and direction statements.

Implications

9. There are no known Legal, HR and financial implications associated with the recommendation within this report, other than the costs of producing and publishing the Annual Scrutiny Report, which will be met from within the existing scrutiny budget.

Risk Management

10. There are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

11. Having considered the information within this covering report and Annex A, Members are asked to approve the Annual Scrutiny Report which covers the period between May 2009 and May 2010

Reason: To enable its presentation to Full Council, in line with Constitutional requirements

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) - None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annex A – Annual Scrutiny Report 2009 –10