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**Scrutiny Committee**

**24 July 2006**

**Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

**SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2005/6**

**Summary**

This report sets out the initial draft of the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2005/6 which constitutionally Scrutiny Management Committee is responsible for producing every year, as part of its performance reporting and monitoring function.

**Background**

1. Since the introduction of the Local Government Act 2000 which gave effect to the scrutiny function of local authorities, the Council has summarized its scrutiny performance through the publication of an Annual Report.
2. Constitutionally, full Council is required to approve the Annual Report.

**Consultation**

3. As usual, all Chairs of Scrutiny Boards, Committees etc during 2005/6 have been consulted on the content of the Annual Report and the vast majority have now provided the information for their forewords, which actually summarise all the scrutiny activity over the year.

**Options**

4. To consider the content and format of the draft Annual Report and approve the content to date in full or part.

**Analysis**

5. An initial draft is attached at Annex A to the report for preliminary views from Members. Presentational and format issues have not yet been finalized and once these and all the outstanding contributions from former Chairs have been received, the final

proposed version will be submitted for consideration to the September meeting of the Committee.

6. In future years, there is a possibility of reviewing the approach to the publication and presentation of the Annual Report, in terms of making it more predominantly led by scrutiny issues. In the meantime, the previous format is being followed to ensure the document is produced and ratified in time for the next Council meeting.

### **Corporate Priorities**

7. Producing an Annual Scrutiny Report is in accordance with the Council's constitutional requirements and accords with the Council's overall priorities to improve and monitor its organizational efficiency.

### **Implications**

8. Apart from a small financial cost to produce and print the Report, there are no other known implications as follows, at this stage:

- **Finance**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Property**

### **Risk Management**

9. There are no known risk management implications associated with the preparatory work at this stage.

### **Recommendations**

10. Members are asked to note the progress to date with the preparation of the Annual Report, approve the content as currently included and to receive the final proposed version in September, for submission to October Council.
11. **Reason:**  
To enable the Annual Report to be published and constitutional requirements to be met.

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None

**Wards Affected:****All**

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**Background Papers**

Annual Report 2004/5

**Annexes**

Draft Annual Report 2005/6