

## **Annual Scrutiny Report**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents the annual scrutiny report from scrutiny services detailing all of the reviews completed between May 2006 – Dec 2008.

### **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 April 2006, and this was followed by a number of changes to the scrutiny function in York. The most significant change saw the disbanding of the scrutiny boards which aligned the Executive Member portfolios and their replacement with the current scrutiny structure of two standing scrutiny committees and the use of ad-hoc scrutiny committees for time limited reviews.
3. During the period May 2006 and April 2008, a decision was taken not to produce any Annual reports due to the limited number of completed reviews.

### **Consultation**

4. No consultation was required for the production of the annual report attached at Annex A, but consultation was carried out with all the relevant parties as part of each of the completed reviews documented within the annual report.

### **Options**

5. Members having considered the Annual Report at Annex A, may choose to:
  - approve the report for presentation to the next meeting of Full Council
  - agree any amendments required to the report prior to its presentation to Full Council

### **Analysis**

6. The report provides readers with an understanding of the overview and scrutiny function and explains how each of the completed reviews related to the corporate strategy, and which of the improvement priorities they supported.

7. The report also outlines the forthcoming changes to the scrutiny function in York and provides information on the new scrutiny committees which are to be formed as a result of the planned changes to the decision making structure i.e. the removal of EMAPs.

### **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 implication associated with the recommendation within this report

### **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 2006 and December 2008

Reason: To enable its presentation to Full Council, in line with the 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:** Final Reports for each of the completed reviews shown listed within the annual Report at Annex A

### **Annexes**

**Annex A** – Annual Scrutiny Report (May 2006 – December 2008)