

COUNCIL: 19 October 2016

Report of: Borough Solicitor

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16 and consider how overview and scrutiny is working at West Lancashire.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, be noted and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be commended on their work.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report attached as Appendix 1 to this report provides details of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees undertaken during 2015/16.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

4.1 Overview and scrutiny arrangements can assist in involving the community in decisions which affect their lives. Individual projects undertaken have links to the community strategy.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific financial or resource implications arising from this report. However, there are financial and resource implications in respect of officer and member time in dealing with overview and scrutiny matters which must be contained within available resources.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 Effective overview and scrutiny arrangements are important in holding the executive to account and being involved in policy development, and statutory requirements must be met.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16