

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

VFM AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10 SEPTEMBER
COMMUNITY WELLBEING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11 SEPTEMBER
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HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18 SEPTEMBER

Title:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Portfolio Holder: ALL
Wards Affected: ALL

Summary and purpose:

This Annual Scrutiny Report reflects on the progress of the new overview and scrutiny arrangements during the first full year of the committee cycle, April 2017 – March 2018. It includes a summary of the work undertaken by the committees, an analysis of the O&S survey and reflections by Members and officers taking part in the overview and scrutiny work.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

Overview and scrutiny is an independent, Member led function that facilitates and achieves democratic accountability for public services. As such, it seeks to ensure that the work of the Council fully meets the Council's corporate priorities.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no direct equality and diversity implications in this report. Equality impact assessments are carried out when necessary across the Council to ensure service delivery meets the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010.

Financial Implications:

There are no resource implications in this report.

Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications in this report.

1. Background

The Council's overview and scrutiny arrangements were reviewed in 2015/16 and four new committees were established in May 2017 reflecting the corporate priorities at the time. The committees have been supported by a full-time Scrutiny Policy Officer as

recommended in the review and this resource was augmented during the year by the Graduate Management Trainee.

The Annual Scrutiny Report is an opportunity for all those involved in the new committees to reflect on the first year, to consider what has worked well, where there are lessons to be drawn and where further improvements could be made.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Overview and Scrutiny Committees endorse the Annual Scrutiny Report and agree any observations or recommendations they wish to make to the Executive.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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