

REPORT TITLE	2015/16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR, TRANSFORMATION & RESOURCES

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during the 2015/16 municipal year. The report captures the progress made and key pieces of work delivered. It also highlights proposals for further improving the function going forward.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to consider the contents of this report and whether they have any questions for the Chairs of the Policy and Performance Committees.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To provide Members with a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during the municipal year 2015/16.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 N/A

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny is a legal requirement for local authorities under the Local Government Act 2000 and a key indicator of good governance. Effective scrutiny also provides significant opportunities to improve the Council's decision-making, service provision and cost-effectiveness.

- 3.2 Wirral Council commits to the principles of good corporate governance through the development, adoption and implementation of its Code of Corporate Governance. Scrutiny has a key role in meeting a number of supporting principles which promote good governance including:

- *'Being rigorous and transparent about how decisions are taken and listening and acting on the outcome of constructive scrutiny'*,
- *'Exercising leadership through a robust scrutiny function which effectively engages local people and all local institutional stakeholders, including partnerships, and develops constructive and accountable relationships.'*

- 3.3 A significant amount of scrutiny work was undertaken by the function in 2015/16. This is set out in the Annual Report included as Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 N/A

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been completed as this report is for information and there is no equality impact arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 – 2015/16 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

REFERENCE MATERIAL – N/A

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Scrutiny Annual Report to Council	14/07/14
Scrutiny Annual Report to Council	06/07/15