

Council**Monday 9th July 2018**

REPORT TITLE:	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18
REPORT OF:	The Director for Strategy and Partnerships

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during the 2017/18 municipal year. The report captures the progress made, key pieces of work delivered and the impact of the work of the scrutiny committees. It also highlights proposals for further improving the function going forward.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to consider the contents of this report and whether there are any questions or actions arising.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To provide Members with a summary of the work undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function during the municipal year 2017/18.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not Applicable.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny is a legal requirement for local authorities under the Local Government Act 2000. Scrutiny has a key role in promoting good governance providing assurance and public sector transparency. Effective scrutiny also provides significant opportunities to improve the Council and key partners' decision-making, service provision for residents and cost-effectiveness.
- 3.2 Wirral discharges its scrutiny function through four Overview and Scrutiny Committees aligned to the themes of the Wirral Plan, People, Business and Environment with two committees Children and Families and Adult Health and Care under the People Theme. Wirral also contributes to the work carried out by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (Appendix 1) provides information on the significant amount of scrutiny work undertaken in 2017/18, the progress made and the impact of the work. The report also outlines proposals for further improving the operation of Scrutiny in 2018/19.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Not Applicable

9 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 – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18

REFERENCE MATERIAL – N/A

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	06 July 2015
Council	11 July 2016
Council	10 July 2017