

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p>9 May 2017</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Graham White – Interim Corporate Director Governance</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report 2016/17</b></p>	

<p><b>Originating Officer(s)</b></p>	<p>Peter Quirk – Senior Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer</p>
<p><b>Wards affected</b></p>	<p>All</p>

### Summary

1.1 The Annual Report provides a summary for Council the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Health, Housing and Grants Sub Committees in the 2016-2017 municipal year.

### Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the report.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the diverse range of scrutiny work carried out during the year by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health, Housing and Grants Sub Committees.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The committee may decline to agree the recommendations. This is not recommended as the report outlines work undertaken by councillors and officers to identify areas of improvement.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 Background and context
- 3.2 Under the council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) must report annually to Council documenting the Committee's activities during the past year, including on the work of the Health Scrutiny Panel.
- 3.2 The attached report (Appendix 1) highlights the structural changes to the Councils' overview and scrutiny approach with the development of two new Scrutiny Sub Committees in 2016/17 , firstly a Grants Scrutiny Sub Committee set up as part of the Councils Best Value improvement and a Housing scrutiny Sub Committee providing a vehicle for scrutiny and dialogue with a range of social housing providers in the area.
- 3.3 The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is broken down into the range of types of scrutiny activity including in depth scrutiny reviews and challenge sessions, a revised approach to pre scrutiny of Cabinet decisions and spotlight sessions focusing on the Council and partners service performance.

## **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 4.1 This report provides a summary of the work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2016-17.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1 Article 6.03(e) of the Council's constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Full Council on its work. The report submitted to Council following this consideration will fulfil that obligation.

## **6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 Reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and building Community leadership are all central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Where individual pieces of work have been undertaken by the Committee (such as reviews, challenge sessions and reports back to Council), these have noted any One Tower Hamlets considerations.

## **7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report are made as part of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's role in helping to secure continuous improvement for the council, as required under its Best Value duty.

- 7.2 The Committee has also provided input into the council's Best Value action plan, which supports its efforts to meet its duties in this regard

## **8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 8.1 There are no direct sustainable actions for greener environment arising from this report, and recommendations.

## **9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no direct risk management implications arising from this report and recommendations.

## **10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report or recommendations.

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE

### **Appendices**

- **Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2016/17**

### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)**

#### **List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.