

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Overview and Scrutiny</b>	<b>6 May 2008</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>		
<b>Report of:</b> <b>Acting Assistant Chief Executive</b> <b>Originating Officer(s):</b> <b>Afazul Hoque, Acting Scrutiny Policy Manager</b>		<b>Title:</b> <b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2007/2008</b> <b>Ward(s) affected: All</b>		

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary by Scrutiny Lead Members of their Overview and Scrutiny work during the civic year 2007/2008. It forms the basis of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report that will be reported to full Council and circulated more widely early in the new municipal year.

## **2. Recommendations**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider and comment on the draft annual scrutiny report to Council
- 2.2 The Acting Assistant Chief Executive be authorised to agree the final report before its submission to Council, after consultation with the Chair and relevant Scrutiny Leads.

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### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)**

#### **LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

**Background paper**

**Annual Scrutiny Report File in Scrutiny Policy Team**

Name and telephone number of and address where open to inspection

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### **3 Report**

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee co-ordinates all of the scrutiny activity within the Council. As well as the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, there are six Scrutiny Leads: one each for the five Community Plan themes, with a further Lead for health. Under the Council's Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny must submit an annual report of its work to Council. This is attached as a draft at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The Annual Report outlines the work both of the Committee and of the Scrutiny Leads and their working groups over the last year. This highlights the constructive policy development role that scrutiny undertakes through its reviews. It also outlines the ongoing progress that has been made in embedding overview and scrutiny within the Council. Pre-decision scrutiny of Cabinet reports continues to encourage greater debate around key issues, while call-ins have been debated in a robust and rigorous manner at Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The majority of the work programme agreed at the start of the year has been delivered.
- 3.3 The Annual Scrutiny report will be submitted to the first full meeting of Council in the new Municipal Year (25 June 2008). Following the report to Council, it will be circulated widely within the Council and across to its partners. A summary article will also be placed in Eastend Life.

### **4 Concurrent Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)**

- 4.1 Article 6.03 (d) 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.

### **5 Comments of the Chief Financial Officer**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **6 Equal Opportunity Implications**

- 6.1 Equal opportunities are central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A number of reports and reviews have specific equalities themes including licensing of strip clubs, tobacco cessation and tackling ASB.

### **7 Anti Poverty Implications**

- 7.1 Anti-poverty is central to some aspects of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee particularly the review undertaken by the Scrutiny Lead on NRF Evaluation looked at how this funding has helped reduce the gap in deprivation.

### **8 Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment**

- 8.1 There are no direct implications.

### **9 Risk Management**

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