

Subject:	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15		Status:	For Publication	
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee		Date:	22 nd June 2015	
Report of:	Overview and Scrutiny		Portfolio Holder:	Legal and Democratic Services	
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached:	No	
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached:	No	
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15.
1.2	That the report then be presented to Full Council for approval.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To receive the information in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2014/15. This would then be forwarded to all Directors, Heads of Services and other relevant organisations to promote the work of scrutiny in Rossendale.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting sustainable investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
 - **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
 - **Clean and Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Council's Constitution requires Overview and Scrutiny to produce an annual report outlining their work. The report is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 5.2 The report highlights the work of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Partner Scrutiny Committee, together with the work of the Task and Finish Groups and Response Groups.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 There are no material financial implications arising from the report.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 No comments.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

8.1 The scrutiny process was introduced by the Local Government Act 2000 The purpose of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is to help improve the way the Council works and to make sure it gets its decisions and policies right. Task and Finish Groups support specific focused pieces of work to produce a report and recommendations.

The four main principles of scrutiny are:-

- Empowering local people working with their local representatives, to challenge the council and other agencies to deal with local concerns
- Ensuring that the views and concerns of local people are heard at the heart of the local authority
- Enabling local councillors as community champions to take the lead in raising issues for scrutiny
- Reinforcing the scrutiny functions as a way to get things changed and improved so that local communities can see tangible results

8.2 Consultation in the production of this Annual Report has been undertaken with the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 That the Scrutiny process continues to develop over the next 12 months.