

Subject:	Overview & Scrutiny – Annual Report 2017/18	Status:	For Publication
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/18 is noted and sent to Full Council for approval.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To provide an Annual Report (Appendix 1) which summarises the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the 2017/18 municipal year.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale:** our priority is to keep Rossendale clean and green for all of Rossendale's residents and visitors, and to take available opportunities to recycle and use energy from renewable sources more efficiently.
- **A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.
- **A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

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 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to produce an Annual Report, which outlines the work carried out over the municipal year.

5.2 The report highlights the committee's work, along with the work carried out by the Task and Finish Groups.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 Where any financial implications do arise, they will be considered by Members as part of the annual budget process.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 Legal comments are covered within the body of the report..

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.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The Annual Report summarises the work carried out during 2017/18 and fulfils the requirement within the Constitution to produce a report.