

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 17 MAY 2006

REPORT BY SCRUTINY CHAIRMEN

12. ANNUAL REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

'D' RECOMMENDATION - that the Annual Report be approved.

1.0 Purpose/Summary of Report

1.1 This is a cover report to introduce the annual report for 2005/06 of the scrutiny committees.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Objectives

2.1 The report contributes to the Council's corporate objective to "Create opportunities for improving access to services and public involvement in Council business." It also contributes to the council's ongoing aim to embrace best practice.

3.0 Report

3.1 The Annual Report of 2005/06 (attached separately) summarises the activities of all three scrutiny committees during the past year and sets out their plans for the coming year.

3.2 The report is written for many audiences: those Members involved in scrutiny, those who might wish to be, and Members of the Executive, to whom the scrutiny committees act as a critical friend.

3.3 It is also hoped that partners and members of the public will use the report to understand some of the ways in which policy and performance issues can be challenged and improved, and the Executive is held to account.

3.4 Once agreed by the Council, the report will be copied to around fifty partner organisations in the Local Strategic Partnership and published on the Council's website.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The Annual Report has been drafted following consultation with all Members involved in Scrutiny.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 The cost of circulating the Report to LSP members can be met within existing budgets.

7.0 Human Resource Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Risk Management Implications

8.1 None.

Background papers

None

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