# EAST HERTS COUNCIL

# EXECUTIVE - 3 SEPTEMBER 2013

## REPORT BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY** 

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

# Purpose/Summary of Report

• This report details the comments and recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committees since the last meeting of the Executive and should be read in conjunction with reports of the Executive Members found elsewhere on the agenda.

#### **RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:**

(A) That the report be received.

#### 1.0 <u>Background</u>

1.1 Scrutiny meetings have been held recently as follows:

Environment Scrutiny Committee – 11 June 2013 Community Scrutiny Committee – 25 June 2013 Corporate Business Scrutiny Committees – 2 July 2013 Corporate Business Scrutiny Committees – 27 August 2013

2.0 <u>Report</u>

### 2.1 Corporate Annual Report 2012/13 (Agenda Item 6)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee recommended the Corporate Annual Report 2012/13 for approval.

# 2.2 Corporate Strategic Plan 2014/15 – 2017/18 (Agenda Item 7)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee recommended the Corporate Strategic Plan 2014/15 – 2017/18 for approval.

#### 2.3 Financial Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2017/18 (Agenda Item 8)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee, whilst supporting the Financial Strategy and the Medium Term Financial Plan, also supported the concept of reducing the General Reserve, particularly in relation to keeping car park charges down and reducing the pension shortfall and that these be fully costed for further consideration.

### 2.4 Annual Governance Statement 2012/13 and Action Plan 2013/14 (Agenda Item 9)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee supported the Annual Governance Statement 2012/13 and Action Plan 2013/14.

# 2.5 Other issues

2.5.1 The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee considered a report in respect of the **Employment Land Review 2013** and agreed that the Executive be advised to consider the resources required to achieve the outcomes detailed in the Employment Land Review 2013 where a sustainable and manageable outcome is indicated by the detailed business case.

# 3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers None <u>Contact Members:</u> Councillor D Andrews, Chairman, Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee <u>david.andrews@eastherts.gov.uk</u>

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