

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

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.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u>
(A) That the report be received.

1.0 Background

1.1 Scrutiny meetings have been held recently as follows:

Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee – 26 August 2014

2.0 Report

2.1 **Annual Report 2013/14 (Agenda Item 6)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee supported this subject to clarification of a couple of references relating to census data on ‘country of birth’ and ‘method of travel to work’ which appeared to be inconsistent and clearer information regarding the balance of income to expenditure of Housing Benefit Grants .

2.2 **Corporate Strategic Plan 2015/16 – 2018/19 (Agenda Item 7)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee recommended this to the Executive.

2.3 **Financial Strategy 2015/16 – 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Plan Update (Agenda Item 8)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee supported the Financial Strategy but expressed concern that the level of Reserves currently being held was not within the agreed limits as set out in the Authority's Reserves Policy.

2.4 **2013/14 Annual Governance Statement (Agenda Item 9)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee supported this subject to a couple of minor word changes and the "Here to Help" statement being expanded to cover/include the role of Members.

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

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