

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

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 – 25 August 2015

2.0 Report

2.1 **Annual Governance Statement (Agenda Item 8)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee supported the Statement but suggested that the Action Plan be more detailed and SMART as set out in the best practice list quoted in the report.

2.2 **Annual Report 2014/15 (Agenda Item 9)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations and commented in respect of the pie charts in Section 6 - Financial information (pages 116 – 117) by suggesting that the segment shown as “other” needed more detail as it represented a significant portion of the whole. Also, the

Committee suggested that the “what we have not done” examples for each priority could be more constructive in their title and tone and not blame others for any lack of progress.

2.3 **Quarterly Corporate Healthcheck (Agenda Item 10)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee commented that extra detail to explain staffing increases would be helpful in understanding why it was happening. Also, the Committee requested that further details on the actions being taken to regularise over/underspends would also be helpful.

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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