

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 4 JULY 2012

REPORT BY CHAIRMEN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This cover report is to introduce the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12 on behalf of the Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees for that year.

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL:	
(A)	that the Annual Report on the work of the East Herts Scrutiny Committees (and Health Engagement Panel) during 2011/12 be received.

1.0 Background

1.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report is prepared each year and presented to Council by the scrutiny chairmen. Reports from previous years can be accessed through the council's website <http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/scrutinyannualreport>

2.0 Report

2.1 The Annual Report for 2011/12 (attached as **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**) summarises the activities of all scrutiny committees during the past year, details the outcome of the evaluation workshops and sets out some of the plans for the coming year.

2.2 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).

- 2.3 It is also hoped that partners, community groups and residents who have contributed to our scrutiny process during the year will appreciate that their contributions are valued by Members.
- 2.4 Once agreed by Council, the report will be published on the Council's website and notification of its 'e-location' will be passed to partner organisations in the Local Strategic Partnership.
- 2.5 As last year, the Annual Report will also be uploaded into the library section of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) website.
<http://www.cfps.org.uk/library>
- 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

Minutes of all scrutiny committee meetings held during the 2011/12 civic year. These minutes are available on the council's website at
<http://online.eastherts.gov.uk/moderngov/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>

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