

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives</p>	<p>Effective use of the scrutiny process contributed to the Council's ability to meet two core objectives during 2011/12:</p> <p>Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p> <p>Any issues identified for scrutiny will relate to at least one of the Council's new corporate objectives for 2012/13 onwards:</p> <p>People <i>This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i></p> <p>Place <i>This priority focuses on the standard of the built environment and our neighbourhoods and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</i></p> <p>Prosperity <i>This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic and social opportunities.</i></p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>The Annual Report has been drafted following consultation with all scrutiny Chairmen and the Chairman of the Health Engagement Panel.</p> <p>All members of scrutiny committees and HEP have had the opportunity to contribute to the evaluation of the year's work.</p> <p>The Executive and Directors have also been given the opportunity to comment on 2011/12 scrutiny activity.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>The Council's constitution states in Part 2 at paragraph 6.3 (d) that - "Scrutiny committees must report annually to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate."</p>

Financial:	<p>The cost of circulating the report to Members can be met within existing budgets.</p> <p>Greater use will be made of signposting interested parties and partners to the Council's website to access the Annual Report which will minimise use of material resources, distribution costs and gain potential CO₂ efficiencies from on-line provision.</p>
Human Resource:	none
Risk Management:	<p>Matters which may benefit from scrutiny may be overlooked. The selection of inappropriate topics for review would risk inefficient use of resources. Where this involved partners, it could risk damaging the reputation of the council and relations with partners.</p>