

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives</p>	<p><b><i>People – Fair and accessible services for those that use them and opportunities for everyone to contribute.</i></b> This priority focuses on delivering strong services and seeking to enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable.</p> <p><b><i>Place – Safe and Clean.</i></b> This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p><b><i>Prosperity – Improving the economic and social opportunities available to our communities</i></b> This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.</p> <p>Effective use of the scrutiny process contributes to the Council's ability to meet one or more of its corporate objectives.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>The Annual Report has been drafted following consultation with all scrutiny Chairmen and the Chairman of HWP.</p> <p>All members of scrutiny committees and HWP 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 2013/14 scrutiny activity. CMT have seen and approved the final draft of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (13 May 2014). 2013/14 Committee Chairmen have seen and approved the final version of the Annual Report either at their meeting on 20 May 2014 or by email during that week.</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</p>

	amended working methods if appropriate.”
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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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>
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	<p>The broad remit of scrutiny is to review topics which are of concern to the public, many of which have an indirect impact on the general wellbeing of residents of East Herts.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Panel is set up to specifically focus in on issues and topics which have a direct and immediate impact on the health and wellbeing of all those who live, work or study in the district.</p>