

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	<p>Any topics reviewed during the past year related to at least one of the Council's corporate priorities for that year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities• Enhance the quality of people's lives• Enable a flourishing local economy <p>Effective use of the scrutiny process contributes to the Council's ability to meet one or more of its corporate objectives.</p>
Consultation:	<p>The 16/17 Scrutiny Annual Report has been drafted following consultation with all scrutiny Chairmen. All members of scrutiny committees have had the opportunity to contribute to the evaluation of the year's work. The Executive and Directors have also been given the opportunity to comment on 2016/17 scrutiny activity. 2016/17 Committee Chairmen have seen and approved the Annual Report by email.</p>
Legal:	<p>The Council's constitution states in Part 2 at paragraph 6.3 (c) 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:	<p>none</p>

Risk Management:	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.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	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.