

MEETING	FULL COUNCIL
DATE	6 OCTOBER, 2016
SUBJECT	ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES
PURPOSE	To submit the annual reports of the Scrutiny Committees
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1. At this time, every year, we present the annual reports of the scrutiny committees to the full Council.
2. The reports of the individual committees refer to the work that took place during 2015/16 and the chairs during that period will present their individual reports to the Council. The scrutiny work is a vital and important part of the democratic system. These reports are an opportunity to understand and appreciate the work of the scrutineers and to acknowledge the work that takes place.
3. The format of the reports is a little different this year. They note briefly all the items considered during the year but go into greater detail on those areas where the scrutineers gave particular attention and showed added value.
4. I would like to note, in particular, the good work that takes place within the scrutiny investigations. Generally, they are a good example of councillors addressing a particular subject thoroughly and preparing clear and definite recommendations for Cabinet Members to consider.
5. Members will know that there is a project at the moment looking at our scrutiny arrangements in order to prepare for the new Council in May, 2017. It will be vital that any new model builds on strengths such as the investigations and also addresses any weaknesses in the current arrangements. We will be discussing the development of the scrutiny model with all the members over the coming months.