

Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2016/17

Final Decision-Maker	Full Council
Portfolio Holder(s)	Leader of the Council, Councillor David Jukes
Lead Director	Director of Finance Policy and Development, Lee Colyer
Head of Service	Head of Policy and Governance, Jane Clarke
Lead Officer/Report Author	Scrutiny and Performance Officer, Nick Peeters
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	All Wards

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report be approved.

This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:

- A Prosperous Borough
- A Green Borough
- A Confident Borough

The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee covers many of the Borough-wide issues referred to in the Council's Five Year Plan.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	10 April 2017
Full Council	26 July 2017

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare an Annual Report for Full Council (part 3 - Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Delegations 8.6).
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2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny functions provided by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Police and Justice Act 2006, the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Localism Act 2011 and associated rules and regulations are delivered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee deals with issues that affect the Borough at all levels. The report provides a summary of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work over the previous year and highlights areas where the Committee has been able, through member-led work, to have a positive impact on a number of Borough-wide issues. When looking at its work over the last year, the Committee has been mindful of the following:
- I. To consider any matter affecting the Borough of Tunbridge Wells or its inhabitants.
 - II. To make a contribution to the locality by in-depth analysis of policy issues.
 - III. To liaise with other external organisations operating in the locality, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.
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3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is constitutionally required to produce a report to Full Council on its work.
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4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report (attached at appendix A) provides a thorough summary of the Committee's work throughout the last year.
- 4.2 At their meeting on 10 April 2017, the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Annual Report for presentation to Full Council.
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5. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 5.1 The Full Council's decision will be included in the published version of the minutes, which will also be available on the Council's website.

6. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off (name of officer and date)
Legal including Human Rights Act	There are no legal or human rights implications resulting from the recommendations in the report.	Estelle Culligan, Interim Head of Mid-Kent Legal Partnership
Finance and other resources	There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations in the report.	Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement
Staffing establishment	There are no staffing implications resulting from the recommendations in the report.	Nicky Carter, Head of H and Customer Services
Risk management	There are no risk issues that are raised within the report.	Nick Peeters Scrutiny & Performance Officer 13/07/17
Environment	There are no environment and sustainability issues identified in the report.	Nick Peeters Scrutiny & Performance Officer 13/07/17
Community safety	Although many of the topics looked at by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are related to community safety, there is a low or negligible impact.	Nick Peeters Scrutiny & Performance Officer 13/07/17
Health and Safety	There are no health and safety issues identified in the report.	Nick Peeters Scrutiny & Performance Officer 13/07/17
Health and wellbeing	There are no health and wellbeing issues identified in the report.	Nick Peeters Scrutiny & Performance Officer 13/07/17
Equalities	Decision-makers are reminded of the requirement under the Public Sector Equality Duty (s149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good	Sarah Lavallie, Equalities Officer

	<p>relations between people from different groups. The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee assists the Council with having due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty. Over the last year the Committee has focused on topics which could affect people with protected characteristics. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How the Council is meeting its objectives under the Cultural Strategy which focuses on the Civic Development, including provision of a new theatre to enable more people to have an opportunity to participate in culture. – Providing support to elderly and vulnerable residents who have been subjected to cold-calling. – Supporting elderly and those with mobility issues when considering the impact of the closure of the last bank in Southborough. – Providing support to elderly and young people in villages and rural areas by looking at the impact of excessive speeding. 	
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7. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2016/17

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None