

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10		
DATE OF DECISION:	12 MAY 2010		
REPORT OF:	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (STRATEGY)		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is required to submit a report summarising scrutiny activities over the past twelve months to Full Council each year. The document attached at Appendix 1 is therefore submitted for information in accordance with paragraph 2.2.7 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the Council's current constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The report is submitted for information in line with the requirements of the constitution.

CONSULTATION

2. The report has been developed in consultation with members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Chairs of each Scrutiny Panel.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None, since the production of this report is a requirement set out in the Council's constitution.

DETAIL

4. The Council's overview and scrutiny procedure rules require an annual report to be made to the Council on the overview and scrutiny function. Attached at Appendix 1 is the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report covering the 2009/10 municipal year. It aims to provide a succinct summary of the main scrutiny activities and inquiries undertaken during the course of the year.
5. The following examples from the 2009/10 work programme highlight the positive contribution that the work of scrutiny has made over the past twelve months in helping to improve the overall quality of life of city residents:
- The issue of Domestic Violence, which affects substantial numbers of Southampton's residents, was the subject of a scrutiny inquiry in 2009/10. If the recommendations contained within the scrutiny report are accepted

by the Executive it should have a positive impact on the levels of domestic violence and the risk to those experiencing domestic violence within Southampton.

- The scrutiny inquiry into district centres made a number of recommendations designed to enhance the prosperity of Southampton's town and district centres. A response to the recommendations is to be agreed by the Executive in June 2010.
- The Scrutiny Panel undertaking the inquiry into the Night Time Economy developed a vision for Southampton's Night Time Economy. The vision identified that 'Southampton will be a regional centre of excellence for evening and night time entertainment, offering a diverse and vibrant choice of activities for all its residents and visitors'. Recommendations within the report identify improvements that can be made to the night time offering that will help to achieve this vision.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

6. None.

Revenue

7. None.

Property

7. None.

Other

8. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

10. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009/10
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Documents In Members' Rooms

	None.
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

	None.	
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Background documents available for inspection at: Not applicable

FORWARD PLAN No: None

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this year-end report.
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