

South Lakeland District Council
Council
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SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

CHAIRMAN:	Councillor Dyan Jones – Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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WARDS:	All
FORWARD PLAN:	Not applicable

1.0 EXPECTED OUTCOME

- 1.1 Members will gain an understanding of the work that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken during 2016/17, and the value that it has added. The report also sets out the work planned for 2017/18.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council receives the draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17, as attached at Appendix 1.**

3.0 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Article 6 (Overview and Scrutiny) of the Council's Constitution requires that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Council on its work, with recommendations for its future work programme and any amended working methods, if appropriate.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17 looks back at the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the past twelve months, as well as looking forward to the year ahead. The report demonstrates that effective scrutiny is taking place, in line with good governance.
- 3.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report at its meeting on Friday, 17 March 2017. Following that meeting some updates were required. These updates have been done in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report has been produced in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report on Friday, 17 March.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Council's Constitution to produce an annual report. There are no alternative options.

6.0 LINKS TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's broad remit and varied work programme means that its work often links to all of the priorities and targets set out within the current Council Plan.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial and Resources

7.1.1 There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report. The work undertaken by scrutiny needs to provide value for money and make the best use of available resources.

7.2 Human Resources

7.2.1 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

7.3 Legal

7.3.1 There is a legal requirement for local authorities to operate an overview and scrutiny committee. The committee needs to be effective in its role.

7.4 Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4.1

Have you completed and Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons.	This is a look back at the work undertaken over the past twelve months.	

7.5 Equality and Diversity

7.5.1

Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons.	This is a look back at the work undertaken over the past twelve months.	

7.6 Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
An annual report is not produced.	Failure to maintain constitutional requirements. The opportunity to consider and promote the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is lost.	A comprehensive and timely annual report is produced.

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APPENDICES ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

Appendix No.	
1	Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

None.

TRACKING INFORMATION

Assistant Director	Portfolio Holder	Solicitor to the Council	SMT	Scrutiny Committee
20/02/17	N/a	20/02/17	02/03/17	17/03/17
Executive (Cabinet)	Committee	Council	Section 151 Officer	Monitoring Officer
N/a	N/a	17/05/17	20/02/17	20/02/17
Human Resource Manager	Leader	Ward Councillor(s)	Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
20/02/17	N/a	N/a	23/02/17	