

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	15 July 2016
Title of report:	Annual report of the general overview and scrutiny committee 2015/16
Report by:	Chairman: general overview and scrutiny committee

Classification

Open

Key decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

County-wide

Purpose

To inform Council of the work undertaken by the general overview and scrutiny committee during the municipal year 2015/16.

Recommendation

THAT the report be noted.

Alternative options

- 1 There are no alternative options as the report is for information only.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 To comply with the requirement in the council's constitution that Council will receive annual reports from committees.
- 3 The scrutiny function is a legal requirement by virtue of Schedule 2 of the Localism Act 2011.

Key considerations

- 4 Since the annual meeting of Council, the general overview and scrutiny committee has met in public on 9 occasions.

5 A summary of the committee's work is provided below.

Task and finish group reviews

The following in-depth scrutiny reviews have been completed or are in progress:

- Development management (planning)
- Smallholdings estate (county farms)
- Community infrastructure levy

Committee reports

The committee has considered the following items:

- Executive responses to reviews of
 - lease restructuring with Hereford United (1939) Ltd
 - Balfour Beatty Living Places – public realm services (BBLP)
 - recommendations on school examination performance
 - task and finish group review of development management (planning)
- Update on waste performance
- The development of a schools capital investment strategy
- Revisions to the council tax reduction scheme
- Corporate plan 2016-20
- Budget and medium term financial strategy – draft prior to funding announcement
- Proposed capital programme 2016-17
- Update on home to school transport provision
- Local transport plan
- Herefordshire community safety partnership strategy and related performance
- Overview of strategic housing documents
- School examination performance
- Marches local enterprise partnership

Call-ins

There were no call-ins during the year.

Briefing Notes

In addition to the committee reports above, briefing notes have been provided to committee members on the following topics during the year:

- Balfour Beatty Living Places Statistics
- Development planning control
- Public rights of way
- Parish councils and public rights of way
- Executive response to recommendations on the smallholdings estate (county farms)
- Food strategy and linkages to schools
- School places and travel plans

- Update on development Management (planning)
- 6 I would like to thank committee members, co-opted members and the internal and external contributors who have participated in the work of the committee. I would also like to thank the members of the public that have attended committee meetings during the year and for the many interesting questions that have been submitted.
- 7 I also thank those who participated in the work programme workshop in May 2016. This was considered a useful, interesting and involving exercise and it is intended to build on this approach in future years.

Appendices

- None identified.

Background papers

- None identified.