



Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
11 September 2014

**Scrutiny Annual Report 2014**

**Purpose of the report:** Scrutiny of Services

**Introduction:**

1. The Scrutiny Annual Report 2014 is attached at **Annex A**.
2. The purpose of this report is to highlight a selection of the work carried out by Select Committees during 2013/14. The report starts by setting the Democratic context, followed by four case studies demonstrating examples of good practice where the work of Select Committees has positively influenced outcomes for residents. In this way, the report acts as a platform to demonstrate the positive impact that Select Committees can have when the process works effectively.
3. As well as highlighting some successes from the past year, this report acknowledges that further progress can continue to be made. The 'now and what next?' section at the end of report sets out some of the work, goals and challenges for the year ahead.

**Recommendations:**

4. That the Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee:
  - a) Considers the effectiveness of scrutiny in Surrey over the past municipal year, making recommendations where appropriate
  - b) Supports the distribution of the report to all Members, internal officers (via the S-Net) and stakeholders

**Next steps:**

Subject to approval from the Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee the report will be distributed as suggested in recommendation 4(a).

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**Sources/background papers:** Centre for Public Scrutiny, 4 principles of good scrutiny: <http://www.cfps.org.uk/mission-and-purpose>